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## HOLIDAY FINDS WHERE YOU MIGHT NOT EXPECT

**Umbrellas, plush globes, clothes, remakes of ancient artifacts — there's something for everyone in the gift shops tucked away at some of Toronto's most well-known attractions. Metro's Luke Simcoe and Rosemary Westwood, seen here at the ROM, hit the TTC rails to find out which iconic city location has the best gets to fulfil your holiday shopping needs. Story on page 6.** DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

# City eyes new taxes on booze, cigarettes

**Revenue pressure.** New levies to help ease Toronto's budget woes could come into effect as early as 2016

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The city is considering new taxes on alcohol, cigarettes, concert tickets, parking and more as it looks to plug gaping budget holes in coming years.

A new tax, or taxes, could come into effect as early as 2016 if council approves them, chief financial officer Rob Rossini said Thursday.

The city has the legal power to add levies on alcohol, cigarettes and "entertainment."

Taxes on parking lots and vehicle registration — yes, that tax former mayor Rob Ford often brags about having abolished — are also options, Rossini said.

Mayor John Tory, meanwhile, is not a fan of the proposals.

He's "committed to keeping Toronto affordable" and isn't "considering the use of any such taxes and fees," Amanda Galbraith, Tory's spokeswoman, said in a statement.

Road tolls or a congestion tax are also a possibility, but the city isn't ready for them, according to Rossini.

"We haven't discounted those, but before you implement those kinds of tools you have to have better transit options for people because they can't really get out of their car without enough subways and enough LRTs," he said.

Rossini said at the city's budget committee meeting that staff are looking at new revenues because of the budget shortfall.

There's a $333-million hole, for opening pressure. That difference between the expected expenditures and revenues — on top of a two per cent residential property tax increase and a 10-cent TTC fare hike — would mean a 15 per cent tax increase for residential property owners if it isn't dealt with. The city can't legally run a deficit.

"Staff here have been working diligently … on the 2015 budget strategy to try to fill that hole," said Rossini. "That number will be much smaller. I can't tell you how much smaller."

Tory promised, over and over again during his election campaign, that he would make sure taxes don't increase more than the rate of inflation.

"We will see on Jan. 20 when we release the budget," Rossini said when asked if that was possible.

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# Grad pounding the pavement

**Job hunting.** 21-year-old Xingyi Yan takes to streets in hopes of meeting her new boss

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A recent University of Toronto graduate is trying to reinvent the wheel when it comes to getting a job.

Xingyi Yan has introduced what she calls "self-street marketing."

Armed with a poster board displaying her contact information and a little bit about her background, Yan spent the past four days standing at Toronto's busiest intersections in hopes of literally running into potential employers.

The 21-year-old international student plans to continue her mission for the next few weeks.

"I like the face-to-face approach, and this is actually fun for me," Yan said Thursday, amid a throng of people passing at Church and Bloor.

Fun, except when the effects of winter kick in.

"I can't feel my feet right now," she said, noting she'd been on the job, so to speak, for three hours.

She was planning a lunch break as a chance to warm up.

Yan graduated in June with a degree in commerce. Since then, she's had only a short temporary job.

Now, though, she's getting lots of exposure — and response. On average, 15 people stop each day to talk or take her picture, Yan said.

When that happens, she offers them her resumé and a candy cane as a Christmas present.

If someone wants a bigger gift, Yan promises she'll deliver. Hire her, she says, and she'll do an incredible job.

**Quoted**

**"I don't like the traditional way of sending resumés and sitting back waiting."**
Xingyi Yan

Xingyi Yan, 21, at the corner of Church and Bloor, one of the places she's taking her out-of-the-box approach to finding a job. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

# Welfare computer woes costing millions

Ontario is paying $5 million to cover unexpected costs caused by its troubled new welfare computer system, including thousands of overtime hours logged by workers dealing with improper payments and other glitches.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services quietly pledged the money in a letter to municipalities earlier this month, an allocation that doubles the funding already paid to train staff and implement the $240-million Social Assistance Management System (SAMS).

Amber Anderson, press secretary to Ontario's Community and Social Services Minister Helena Jaczek, confirmed the payment in a statement to Torstar News Service on Thursday, saying the money will go toward overtime, temporary staff and other related costs.

"We understand that this has been a challenging experience for our frontline case workers and this additional funding will help local offices with their transition," Anderson said.

The new computer system, which is used to administer welfare and disability payments to hundreds of thousands of recipients across the province, has been plagued with problems since it was launched in mid-November.

**Details**

**The new computer software platform, built by a Dublin-based company called Curam, now owned by IBM, handles Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program files and payments. It has proved a nightmare for the province.**

Fred Hahn, president of CUPE Ontario. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fred Hahn, CUPE Ontario president, said the money won't fix the larger issue.

"This is throwing good money after bad," Hahn said. "The SAMS system isn't working. People working with the system are telling us it's not working."

Anderson said the province's spending on its Ontario Works (OW) program delivery is lower than expected this year, so the additional money will be coming from existing funds in the administration budget for OW.

Sarah Pennisi, a director for social assistance and employment opportunities in Niagara region, told Torstar Thursday that frontline OW staff in the region's five offices logged 1,000 hours of overtime in November working with SAMS, and she expects the same number of extra hours to be logged this month. Her municipality is receiving $156,000 of the $5 million. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Toronto riders ask: Where are those new streetcars?

**Behind schedule.**
TTC's Byford is talking tough with Bombardier over delays; by now, city should have had 43 running, not three

Where are Toronto's new supersized streetcars?

The 204 fully accessible, low-floor vehicles were ordered in June 2009 for $1.25 billion.

But so far, only three are running on the 510 Spadina line. Many Torontonians have assumed the protracted roll-out is the result of last summer's eight-week strike at Bombardier's Thunder Bay plant.

Few are aware that the late delivery actually predates that labour disruption and that the originally contracted schedule specified there would be 43 in the city by now. There should have been seven in service by the end of last year.

**Quoted**

**"We won't go faster just for the sake of going faster. We want to make sure the TTC riders have the car that they deserve."**
Marc-Andre, Bombardier spokesman

Instead, the TTC is expecting delivery of only the fourth new vehicle next week, and TTC CEO Andy Byford says he has put Bombardier on notice that it must recover from the slow start in the early production.

"I have made it very clear to Bombardier that, regardless of delays on production and the strike and issues they have had with quality, I will not accept any slippage from that 2019 end-date for the last route to go live," he said Thursday.

"It's only 2014; I will not allow that to slip any further. They must stick to the end date," Byford said.

One of the TTC's new Bombardier streetcars. Delivery of more of the fleet could be delayed due to a strike at the Thunder Bay production plant. RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

However, he said Bombardier's current pace "doesn't give me the confidence that will happen."

The last of 11 routes scheduled to get the new vehicles, in 2019, is Carlton. The first, on Spadina, which requires 12 streetcars, was supposed to be fully converted by the end of this year.

The strike has played a role in slowing delivery, say TTC and Bombardier officials. But there were earlier challenges.

The prototype streetcar didn't arrive until March 2013. At that point there were reliability issues that needed to be addressed, said TTC spokesman Brad Ross.

A particular challenge was the design and engineering of the TTC's unique, two-stage wheelchair ramps. They have to deploy in one stage to meet raised streetcar platforms, on lines such as Spadina and St. Clair, and then in two stages where streetcars stop on the road, on routes such as Queen, he said.

Accessibility was a huge factor in the TTC's specifications for the 100 per cent low-floor streetcars.

"The ramp is a constantly moving part. It needs to work mechanically for the customer without them having to have some assistance," said Ross.

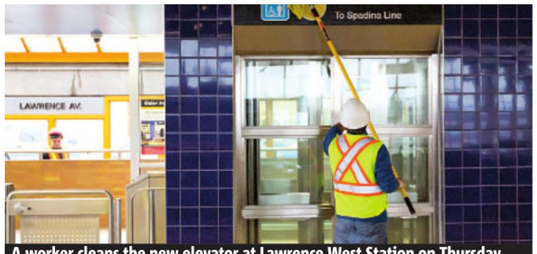
A Bombardier spokesman confirmed Thursday that the Montreal-based company is in discussions with the TTC about the master production schedule. But Marc-Andre Lefebvre would not confirm that the complete order will be delivered by 2019.

The priority, however, is delivering streetcars that are safe, efficient and reliable.

"That's something that we never waver on. We want to get it right the first time when we deliver the car. We won't go faster just for the sake of going faster. We want to make sure the TTC riders have the car that they deserve," said Lefebvre.

Byford said there are penalties built into the contract with Bombardier if it doesn't deliver on time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Lawrence West riders get new elevator, 8 years later



A worker cleans the new elevator at Lawrence West Station on Thursday.
CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It was the year Stephen Harper became prime minister, the first time Italy won the World Cup, the year police arrested 18 Toronto-area men in an anti-terrorism sting and actor Daniel Craig debuted as James Bond in Casino Royale.

And 2006 was also the year the TTC began building an elevator at the Lawrence West Station.

Eight years later, as 2014 wraps up, the TTC has announced the elevator has officially opened, making Lawrence West the 34th accessible station among 69 in the transit system.

Flanked by two seniors' homes, Baycrest and Villa Colombo, in the ward of recently named TTC chair Josh Colle, Lawrence West was plagued with problems almost from the outset. There were design concerns and issues with the initial contractor. It was terminated in 2008, as the project was plunged into litigation with Consolidated Canadian Contractors for much of 2009.

The job was re-tendered in 2011, but that contract wasn't awarded due to the high price of the bids. Then in 2012, Lawrence West was combined with another elevator project at St. Clair West. But "property acquisition issues" at the latter station prevented the work from going ahead.

Finally, in November 2012, the TTC awarded another contract to complete the work at Lawrence West and made the operation of the elevator there a commitment in its Customer Charter.

"Eight years is far too long for these projects," TTC spokesman Brad Ross said Thursday.

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# T.O.'s top gift shop stops

**It's the week before Christmas. Your list is long. Your time is dwindling. Enter the gift shops of some of the city's biggest cultural institutions. These moneymakers are designed to appeal to every visitor, and thus, potentially, every person on your list. Metro reporters Luke Simcoe and Rosemary Westwood ride the rails to find the best bets for last-minute shoppers.**

## Royal Ontario Museum
Museum Station

### Rosie's take

**Thumbs up**

This Ikea of gift shops has by far the widest and most bizarre collection ($900 sarcophagus head, anyone?). But it does a killer job on kiddie gifts, urban hippie mom clothing, and oddities you didn't know you wanted. Hardest gift shop to leave.

Notable item: Larvets original worm snacks, Mexican spice flavour.

### Luke's take

**Thumbs up**

Less curated than its colleagues, the shop at the ROM has a smorgasbord of items for sale, including plush dinosaurs, $4,000 gemstones and replica items from the museum's collection. No matter who you're shopping for, you'll find something to suit their tastes.

Notable item: Authentic door paintings from a Chinese temple.

## Bata Shoe Museum
St. George Station

### Rosie's take

**Thumbs sideways**

Girly kitsch abides: Think bejewelled knick-knacks and shoe-themed jewelry. The pantry-sized shop has a paltry selection, but the serious fashionista might want one of its many, many, many books on shoe design (one illustrated by Manolo himself).

Notable item: A bizarre book of historical medical illustrations for a The Knick fan/med student — at a shoe museum.

### Luke's take

**Thumbs down**

The gift shop here feels like an afterthought, tucked into a corner and consisting almost entirely of books about shoes. That said, what are you doing here if you don't care about shoes?

Notable item: An illustrated history of skateboarding footwear.

St. George

Museum

St. Patrick

Union

## Art Gallery of Ontario
St. Patrick Station

### Rosie's take

**Thumbs up**

A well-curated plethora of more upscale items that occasionally run into the gaudy: Who needs a $200 jewelled reindeer the size of a Labrador? A $2,000 necklace at the AGO?! Urban condo dwellers are easy to buy for here, as are art book lovers and kids: The picture book and quirky toy selection is charming.

Notable item: Love is Art kit: "Everything a couple needs to craft a one-of-a-kind abstract painting while being intimate with one another." Yes, that is an actual thing.

### Luke's take

**Thumbs up-ish**

Easily the most expensive shop on the list, the store at the AGO takes high-end consumer products and wraps them in the thin veneer of the art world. The children's section was a standout, though, featuring a plethora of interactive and educational toys.

Notable item: A $1,700 monograph of Chinese superstar artist Ai Weiwei, signed by the artist himself.

## Hockey Hall of Fame
Union Station

### Rosie's take

**Thumbs down**

I am not a hockey fan, and I don't buy for hockey fans. This shop has no relevance to my life.

Notable item: None.

### Luke's take

**Thumbs down**

Less a gift shop than a repository for official NHL merchandise, the store celebrates hockey's crass commercialism rather than its history. That said, it's still the perfect place to find a last-minute gift for the hockey fan on your list.

Notable item: A foam goalie mitt that doubles as a beer holder.

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# ANOTHER BUSY YEAR AT THE TTC!

**ANDY BYFORD**
CEO
TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION

As 2014 draws to a close, it's good to take a moment to reflect on another busy and challenging year for the TTC.

I feel that we are making progress in our journey to give you a transit system that makes Toronto proud.

We have delivered on nearly all 39 commitments made in our Customer Charter, the one major exception being a delay in the delivery of our new streetcars due to a strike at the manufacturer's plant that was outside of our control. That said, we launched the new streetcar on August 31 and there are now three of these state-of-the-art, low-floor, air-conditioned vehicles in operation on the 510 Spadina route. Further progress was made last month when these new vehicles were fitted with PRESTO, the smartcard payment system that we are progressively rolling out to replace tokens, tickets and transfers.

Another highlight of the year was the opening of the second platform at Union Station, a project that has already transformed the look, feel and operation of one of our busiest hubs. Our crews are now focused on renovating the original platform and concourse so that the whole station is modernized by spring next year.

**In the summer, the TTC will need to be at its very best to provide visitors and spectators to the Pan Am/ Parapan Am Games with safe, reliable transit.**

We continued the roll-out of WiFi to stations in the downtown "U." You will see WiFi in 15 stations in time for the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games next summer. And we unveiled the modernized Dufferin Station to make it accessible, spacious and bright.

During the year, we continued our all-out focus on the tackling the basics of running a reliable transit service. On the subway, we introduced a new timetable to add more rush hour trains to Lines 1 and 2. And we continued the painstaking task of upgrading and replacing the 60-year-old signalling system on Line 1 that is becoming increasingly unreliable.

On our surface routes, we added supervisors to the 512 St Clair streetcar and 29 Dufferin bus routes to tackle the long-standing problems of bunching and gapping, and this has had good, early success.

Next year will be even busier. In January, we begin the operation of all-door boarding between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week, on the 504 King streetcar, the first of many improvements that we want to make to your service next year. Many of these improvements are dependent on the outcome of our budget. We have put a lot of effort into making a compelling case to put before Council when the budget comes to be debated.

In the summer, the TTC will need to be at its very best to provide visitors and spectators to the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games with safe, reliable transit.

We still have work to do before TTC service is as reliable and extensive as it needs to be to serve our growing city. But my team and I are determined to continue to improve every aspect of what we do throughout 2015.

On behalf of us all at the TTC, thank you for riding. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. Here's to a great 2015!

## EMPLOYEE PROFILE

**Name:** Pamela Ashcroft
**Position:** Instructor – Bus Transportation
**Years of Service:** 8

The TTC has provided me with many positive and memorable experiences. I started as a bus operator, moved into a bus supervisory position and am now part of the Training and Development Department. It is rewarding to train new bus operators and to watch them develop their own careers at the TTC.

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| Subway<br>Deliver a punctual service | 96%<br>97% |
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| Streetcar<br>Deliver reliable headway | 62%*<br>70% |

* Dec. 11 - snow storm

## CUSTOMERS CAN USE DEBIT/CREDIT TO PURCHASE EVEN MORE FARES IN 2015

Starting Jan. 1, 2015, TTC customers will be able to purchase 10 or more tokens or tickets, as well as any Metropass or Day Pass, at all collector booths, at all 69 subway and Scarborough RT stations, using their debit or credit card. The TTC is also exploring a wave-and-pay option for a single cash fare at all collector booths for later in 2015.

With the PRESTO farecard implementation underway, tokens, tickets and Metropasses will eventually be phased out. Until then, customers have told the TTC they want more convenient and modern payment options for all fare purchases. In addition to customer convenience, this change also reduces the amount of cash in the system, creating greater safety and efficiency within the TTC.

## LAWRENCE WEST STATION IS NOW FULLY ACCESSIBLE

Lawrence West Station is now the TTC's 34th fully accessible subway station. New features include an elevator from street/bus level to subway platform, accessible fare gate and sliding doors, security cameras and intercoms and wider bus platforms to accommodate mobility devices.

To commemorate this milestone, the TTC is holding a Meet the Managers session at Lawrence West Station today from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Come by, check out the new station design and share your thoughts with senior managers. For more information on the Easier Access program, visit ttc.ca.

## HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 25, Christmas Day
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December 31, New Year's Eve:
- Most routes with Monday - Friday late-evening service extended until 4:00 a.m.
- New Year's Eve last subway times:

Line 1: north from Union Station at 3:30 a.m.
Line 2: east or west from Bloor-Yonge Station at 3:37 a.m.
Line 3: east from Kennedy Station at 4:07 a.m.
Line 4: east from Sheppard-Yonge Station at 3:58 a.m.

January 1, New Year's Day: Subway starts at 9:00 a.m.

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# ‘Change’ coming to The Beer Store: Wynne

**2015.** Premier says the new year will bring about reforms for the privately owned stores

Quoted

**“I think the ‘not-Canadian-owned’ sticks in people’s craw.”** Premier Kathleen Wynne

Premier Kathleen Wynne says Ontarians can “expect some change” in the new year on the way booze is sold in the province, including a rethink of the government’s deal with foreign-owned The Beer Store.

While the premier remained coy about how far she is prepared to go, she said the Liberals are “absolutely” serious about reforms.

“I’m impatient to get at that,” Wynne told Torstar News Service on Wednesday during a year-end interview in her Queen’s Park office.

“There’s a distribution system that works very well, but the fact it works very well has a value to it, right?” she said of The Beer Store, which is privately owned.

“So how do we realize that value for the people of the province?”

A blue-ribbon panel on monetizing provincial assets led by former TD Bank chairman Ed Clark has recommended keeping the LCBO in public hands while expanding its operations and charging The Beer Store a “franchise fee.”

Clark has warned the brewers, who claim they cannot afford another tariff, they will not be allowed to pass along the levy to consumers in the form of higher beer prices.

If they balk, the government is threatening to take away the monopoly enjoyed by AB InBev, Molson Coors and Sapporo, the offshore parent companies of Labatt, Molson and Sleeman.

Wynne, who said changes would be revealed in Finance Minister Charles Sousa’s spring budget, insisted she isn’t taking on the multinational brewing giants just because the provincial treasury needs revenue.

“For me, this is not about doing it because of what Ed Clark’s doing. We have said to him, this is part of what needs to be looked at, because I want it to be fair,” the premier said.

“My entrée into this was actually through discussions with the craft brewers — that was when the issue really landed on my table, and so I’m just very much looking forward to being able to take some steps to make it fair,” she said, referring to small independent brewers’ frequent complaints of access to The Beer Store’s shelves.

The fact it’s a foreign-owned entity makes the retailer easier to take on.

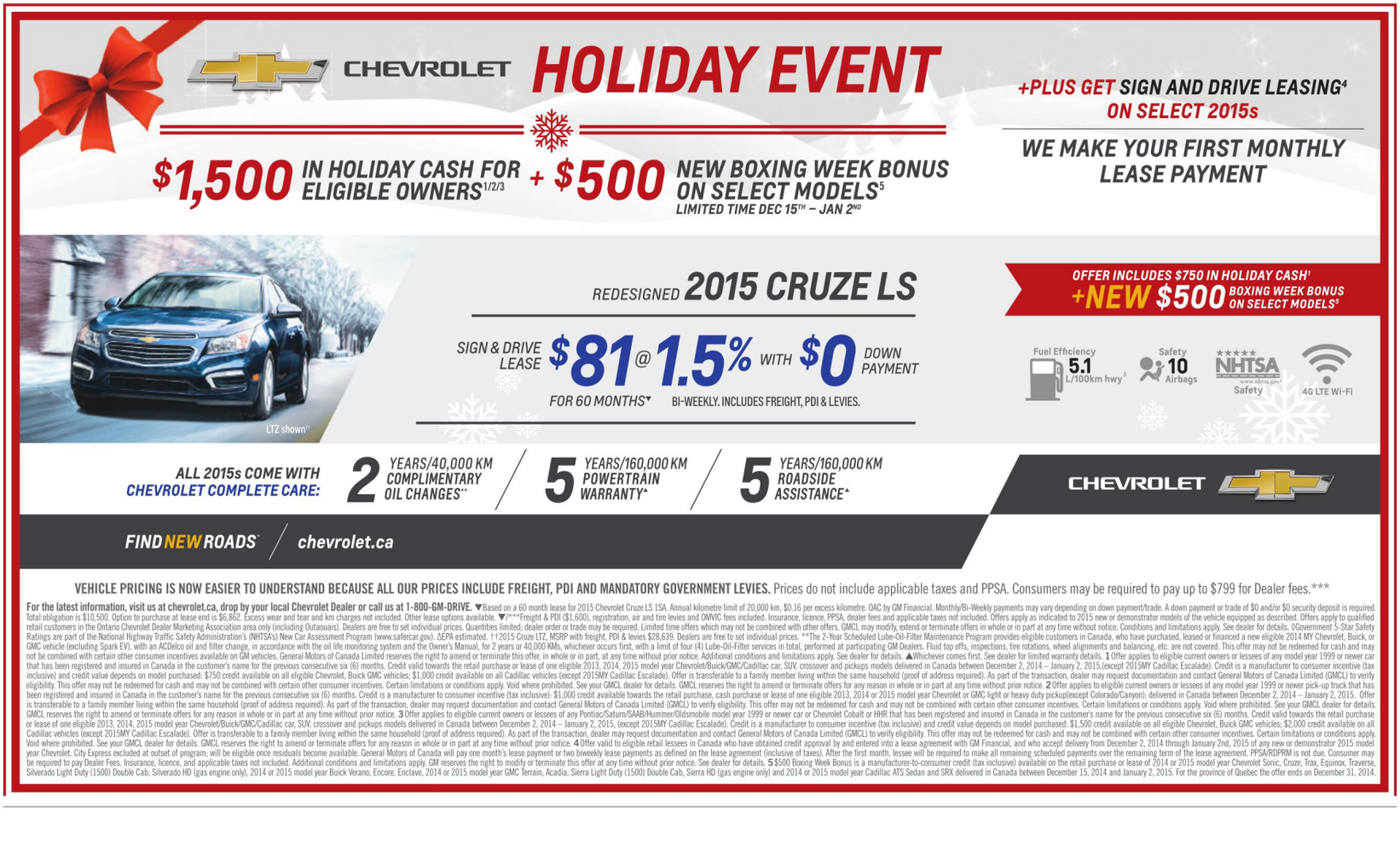
“I think the ‘not-Canadian-owned’ sticks in people’s craw,” said Wynne. “People can handle the private part — and once people understand that it was intended to be like a co-operative of all of the brewers — I think people can deal with that,” she said.

Premier Kathleen Wynne with children from Queen’s Park daycare as they make gingerbread houses and cookies on Thursday. RICHARD J. BRENNAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

“I think the foreign-owned part — and then add to that the notion that some of the Ontario brewers don’t have access — that’s important to people.”

In a statement, Jeff Newton, president of Canada’s National Brewers, the industry association representing The Beer Store, said the breweries want to work with Wynne.

“We believe a fact-based process is essential if the advisory council process is to deliver overall improvements for Ontario brewers and consumers without generating unnecessary price hikes for beer drinkers,” he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE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# WRAP IT UP THIS WEEKEND

***SHOP IN STORE AND AT THEBAY.COM***
***STORES OPEN EARLY***
***Stores open Friday and Saturday at 8 a.m. except Toronto Queen Street opens at 7 a.m. on Friday. Stores open extended hours. Visit thebay.com for local listings.***

## FREE! Holiday beauty gifts from Clinique, Estée Lauder, Shiseido, Clarins and Lancôme

### *CLINIQUE Gift*

Receive a large cylinder container containing a 4 mL mini Happy eau de parfum and a deluxe sample of Chubby Lip Balm with any CLINIQUE purchase.

**A VALUE OF $16**

YOUR GIFT

### *ESTÉE LAUDER Gift*

Receive a limited edition Lip Gloss Collection, including three high-shine lip glosses and makeup bag, with any ESTÉE LAUDER fragrance purchase of $65 or more before taxes. May we suggest: Modern Muse Chic, **$66 to $115**

YOUR GIFT

### *SHISEIDO Gift*

Receive a Perfect Rouge Mini Collection set with the purchase of any SHISEIDO foundation. Visit the Hudson's Bay Shiseido counter for a free makeup consultation.

**A VALUE OF $45**

YOUR GIFT

### *CLARINS Gift*

Receive a Rouge Éclat #10 and an Eye Quartet Mineral Palette #10 with any CLARINS purchase of $75 or more before taxes.

**A VALUE OF $69**

YOUR GIFT

*Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014*

## *SAVE $20*

when you spend $100 or more before taxes on fragrances.

Cannot be combined with any other coupons, discounts or promotional offers. Excludes Hermès.

### *LANCÔME Mystery Gift*

*A value of up to $117.*

FREE: Receive a mystery beauty gift with any Lancôme fragrance purchase of $65 or more, until Wednesday, December 24, 2014.

Gift components will vary. Before taxes. One per customer, while quantities last.

YOUR GIFT

Until Wednesday, December 24, 2014

## *RECEIVE A $10 BEAUTY SAVINGS CARD*

when you spend $75 or more in store or at thebay.com on cosmetics or fragrances.

**Plus,** receive this evening bag, FREE when you spend $100 or more on cosmetics or fragrances.*

See next page for details.

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## 50% off
### Fall/winter collections
by KENSIE, VERO MODA, JESSICA SIMPSON, WILLIAM RAST, BUFFALO DAVID BITTON and CALVIN KLEIN JEANS

See below for exclusions.

Featured: KENSIE ponte dress.
Reg. $109
**Sale $54.50**

## $69.99
### CALVIN KLEIN dresses
Reg. $139 to $149
Selection varies by store.

**50% off** other fall/winter dresses
In our women's dress department. For the above offers, see below for exclusions.

Featured: CALVIN KLEIN sweater dress.
Reg. $149
**Sale $69.99**

## 30% off
### Watches
by CITIZEN, SEIKO, BULOVA and TIMEX

Featured: TIMEX.
Reg. $85 to $95
**Sale $59.50 to $66.50**

## 40% off
### Women's wallets and small accessories
by NINE WEST, GUESS, ANNE KLEIN and more
In our handbag department.
See below for exclusions.

## 50% off
### Diamond, gemstone, pearl and gold fine jewellery
See opposite page for exclusions.

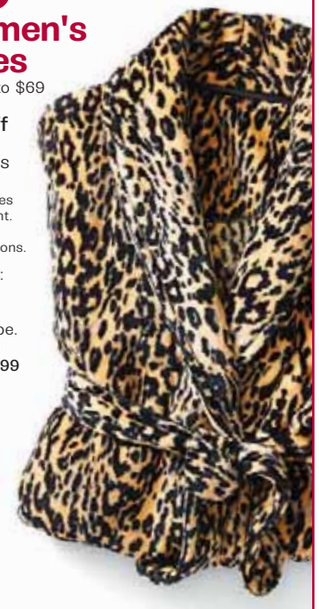
Featured: Pearl necklaces.
Reg. $240 to $950 **Sale $120 to $475**

**PLUS, SAVE AN EXTRA 20%**
on fine jewellery when you use your Hudson's Bay MasterCard® or Hudson's Bay Credit Card.
See opposite page for details.

## $19.99
### Women's robes
Reg. up to $69

**50% off** other women's robes
In our robes department. See below for exclusions.

Featured: LORD & TAYLOR plush robe.
Reg. $69
**Sale $19.99**



## 50% off
### Women's cold-weather accessories
See below for exclusions.

**$29.99**
CALVIN KLEIN 2-tone fringe scarf
Reg. $58
Available in 5 colours.
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*We were made for this*
$3.33 from the purchase of every pair of $10 2015 Red Mittens is donated to Canadian athletes through the Canadian Olympic Foundation. *Exclusively ours.*

**$19.99**

*Introducing Maud, our 2014 limited-edition Heritage Charity Bear*
100% of the net proceeds support the Hudson's Bay Company Foundation.

Savings for all Hudson's Bay offers are off our regular prices, unless otherwise specified. **Women's fashion:** Select styles available in Petite and Plus Sizes and exclude New Spring Arrivals. **Jessica Simpson, Jessica Simpson Plus Size and Buffalo David Bitton** exclude all denim. **William Rast and Calvin Klein Jeans** exclude spring/summer denim and items with 99¢ price endings. **Kensie** excludes items with 99¢ price endings. **Women's dresses** excludes New Spring Arrivals, Calvin Klein dresses Reg. $159 and up, and items with 99¢ price endings. **Women's wallets and small accessories** exclude Botkier, Coach, Cole Haan, Dooney & Bourke, Elizabeth and James, Furla, Halston Heritage, House of Harlow 1960, Kate Spade New York, Liebeskind, Marc by Marc Jacobs, McQ, Skagen and Zac Zac Posen. **Women's robes** exclude New Spring Arrivals and items with 99¢ price endings. **Women's cold-weather accessories** exclude Lauren Ralph Lauren, Lord & Taylor Cashmere, Polo Ralph Lauren, Kate Spade New York, Marc by Marc Jacobs, T&C Theodora and Callum, Burberry, Coach and items with 99¢ price endings. **FROM PREVIOUS PAGE: *Before taxes.** One card/evening bag per transaction. While quantities last. Savings card is redeemable in store from December 12 to December 24, 2014, and cannot be combined with any other coupons, discounts or promotional offers.

# THIS WEEKEND

## $89.99 BLACK BROWN 1826 cashmere sweaters

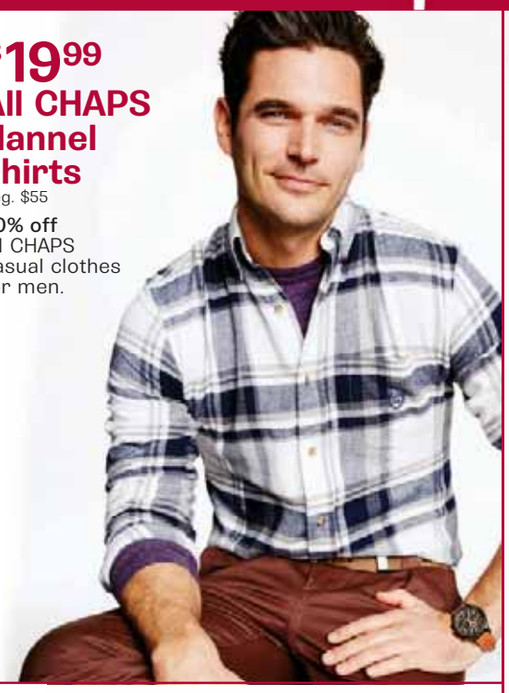
Reg. $149.99

**$39.99**
BLACK BROWN 1826 merino sweaters.
Reg. $69.99
*Exclusively ours*

## $19.99 All CHAPS flannel shirts

Reg. $55

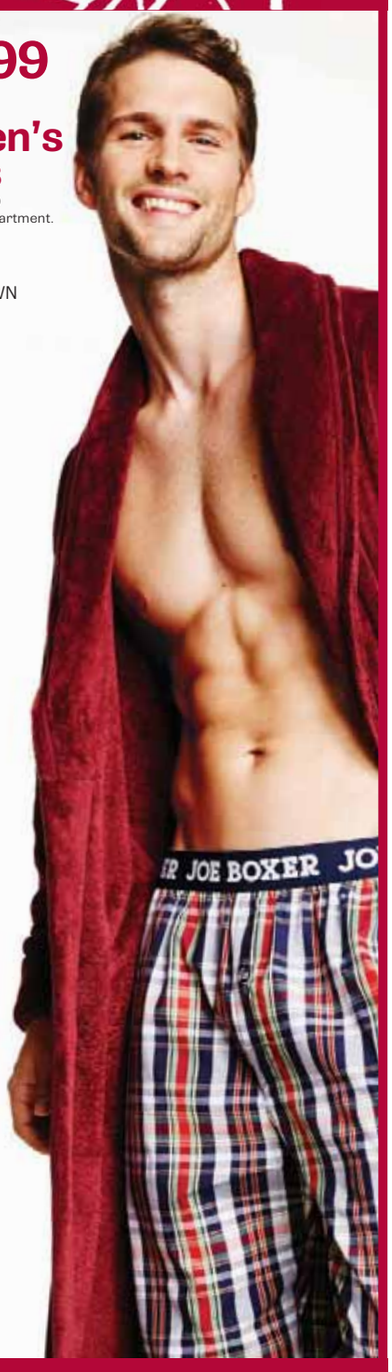
**50% off**
all CHAPS casual clothes for men.



## $19.99 All men's robes

Reg. up to $69
In our robes department.

Featured:
BLACK BROWN 1826 robe.
Reg. $69
**Sale $19.99**




## 50% off All men's shoes by CLARKS, ROCKPORT and FLORSHEIM

## Up to 65% off luggage

Select collections by SWISS WENGER, SAMSONITE, TRAVELPRO, DELSEY, RICARDO BEVERLY HILLS, HEYS, LONDON FOG, ATLANTIC, SKYWAY and TOMMY HILFIGER. See below for details.

## 65% off

SWISS WENGER St. Moritz luggage
Reg. $350 to $465
**Sale $122.50 to $162.75**

# *Give the Gift of Hudson's Bay*

*Hudson's Bay Gift Cards feature a choice of themes and are available in any denomination.*

**Luggage:** Selection varies by store, while quantities last. Excludes items with 99¢ price endings. **FROM OPPOSITE PAGE: Fine Jewellery** excludes Ivanka Trump, Judith Ripka, Alor Fine jewellery and items with 99¢ price endings. **HUDSON'S BAY CREDIT FINE JEWELLERY OFFER:** Offer ends December 24, 2014. Excludes Ivanka Trump, Judith Ripka, Alor fine jewellery and items with 99¢ price endings. Hudson's Bay, Hudson's Bay Credit, Hudson's Bay Rewards, hbc.com and their associated designs are trademarks of Hudson's Bay Company. **Credit is extended by Capital One Bank (Canada Branch).** Capital One® is a registered trademark of Capital One Financial Corporation. MasterCard and the MasterCard brand mark are registered trademarks of MasterCard International Incorporated. All marks used under licence. All rights reserved.

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## 20% off
**BREVILLE small appliances**

See below for exclusions.

**Save $50**
**$149.99**
Reg. $199.99 each

BREVILLE Cafe Roma espresso machine with bonus cups

**BONUS:** 2 espresso cups. **A $29.99 value.**

BREVILLE Juice Fountain Plus with bonus jars

**BONUS:** 2 juice jars. **A $24.99 value.**

## 65% off
**$139.99**
Reg. $399.99

**LAGOSTINA**
Ravenna 10-piece non-stick cookware set

**55% off** other cookware sets.

**20% off** open stock cookware and bakeware.

See below for exclusions.

## 60% off
**$99.99**
Reg. $249.99

**HENCKELS**
Statement 11-piece knife block set

**20% off** other knives, gadgets and kitchen tools.

See below for exclusions.

## Save $148
**$119.99**
Reg. $268

**GORDON RAMSAY**
16-piece Bread Street dinnerware set

**40% off** all other GORDON RAMSAY Bread Street.

## Save $40
**$29.99**
Reg. $69.99

**MIKASA**
Cheers barware Sets of 4.

**50% off** all other MIKASA barware and stemware.

## 50% off
**GLUCKSTEINHOME**

650-thread-count, 100% cotton, Platinum sheet sets, pillowcases and duvet covers; and GLUCKSTEINHOME flannel bedding

## 50% off
**HOTEL COLLECTION**

Tuxedo Black, Frame Lacquer and CALVIN KLEIN Essex bedding collections

**30% off** other bedding collections by HOTEL COLLECTION, BARBARA BARRY and CALVIN KLEIN.

Featured: HOTEL COLLECTION Frame Lacquer double/queen duvet. Reg. $270 **Sale $135**

Savings for all Hudson's Bay offers are off our regular prices, unless otherwise specified. **Breville small appliances** excludes items with 95¢ price endings. **Cookware sets, open stock cookware and bakeware** exclude All-Clad, WMF, Staub and Nambé. **Knives, gadgets and kitchen tools** exclude All-Clad, WMF and Global.

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# OPP: Spouse of top aide wiped hard drives

**Gas plants scandal.**
Ontario Liberal caucus paid $10,000 for job at the premier's office, say police court filings

Laura Miller and Peter Faist FACEBOOK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Ontario Liberal caucus paid the spouse of a top aide to Dalton McGuinty $10,000 to wipe computer hard drives in the premier's office, police alleged in court documents released Thursday.

The information used by Ontario Provincial Police to obtain a search warrant that was executed in November at a provincial government cyber security office in Toronto was made public after media lawyers requested it be unsealed.

The warrant is part of an OPP investigation into deleted documents on the Liberals' decision to cancel two gas plants prior to the 2011 election, at a cost to taxpayers of up to $1.1 billion.

Computer expert Peter Faist was asked by his spouse, Laura Miller, "to wipe off personal data on approximately 20 desktop computers in the premier's office," alleges Det.-Const. Andre Duval in his application for the warrant.

"Faist was under the impression that Cabinet Office was aware of his presence and the work requested of him," wrote Duval. "He was paid an amount of $10,000 by the Liberal caucus for his work."

Miller was McGuinty's deputy under chief of staff David Livingston, who is being investigated by the OPP for alleged breach of trust.

No charges have been laid. The opposition parties said the court documents were proof the Liberals used the majority they won June 12 to shut down legislative committee hearings into the cancelled gas plants before Faist could be called to give damning testimony.

"It really tells the tale of why the premier and the government would not in any way shape or form allow the truth to come out," said Progressive Conservative house leader Steve Clark.

"Premier Wynne and the Liberals have to come clean," said NDP house leader Gilles Bisson.

The Liberals issued a statement saying that Faist's services with the party were terminated last March, after Wynne became premier.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Quoted**

**"The only way we can get to the truth is to make sure these people testify."**
said NDP house leader Gilles Bisson

# Three in 10 Canadian women have been raped, poll finds

A new survey shows as many as three in 10 women in Canada have been raped, but experts call it a "lowball" estimate.

The poll, conducted by Forum Research Ins. using a voice response telephone survey, showed one in five women said they have been sexually assaulted or raped, while one in ten declined to answer the question, generating results indicating three in 10 women may have been raped.

"Those kinds of surveys, I don't think they come even close to touching the numbers of women who've experienced that kind of violence," said Elizabeth Sheehy, a professor of law at the University of Ottawa who teaches sex assault law.

Sheehy called the survey a "lowball of what's happening here," and referenced a 1993 StatsCan survey indicating half of Canadian women suffered at least one act of physical or sexual violence since age 16.

Erin Ellis, a Toronto-based civil sexual assault lawyer, said recent media attention on allegations of sexual assault against Jian Ghomeshi, Bill Cosby and Liberal MPs may encourage more women to speak out.

The poll indicated only one in 10 female respondents who experienced rape said they reported it to police.

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**Survey**

**1,658**

The poll included responses from 1,658 Canadians, 795 of whom were women. Results are considered accurate plus or minus 2 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

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# SIU probe after man shot in altercation with cops

**Investigation.** Police received call of man cutting his own wrists, throat with butcher knife, says official

A middle-aged man wielding a large knife was shot after an altercation with police outside Agincourt Mall Thursday night.

Police were called to a Walmart store, located near Kennedy Road and Sheppard Avenue, at about 4:45 p.m. They received a call about a man cutting his own wrists and throat with a large butcher knife, a police official said.

Officers confronted the man, who is believed to be in his 40s, and shots were fired. The man suffered two gun shot wounds to the abdomen.

Paramedics arrived on scene moments later, finding the man in life-threatening condition. He was rushed to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre with a police escort.

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit — which investigates police-related incidents involving death, serious injury and allegations of sexual assault — is currently investigating.

A Walmart employee, who did not want to be identified for fear of reprisal, said the man was a store employee.

The man was behind the store, near the loading dock area on Bonis Avenue, when the shooting took place, the worker said. The employee was told by a store manager that the man was on his break when the gunfire rang out.

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Toronto police on the scene at Agincourt Mall on Thursday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Pan Am Games. $10.6M in travel grants given out

Canadian taxpayers will pay more than $9 million — roughly $1,000 for each international participant — to help competitors and their coaches travel to Toronto's Pan Am and Parapan Am Games next year.

The travel grants are benefits in addition to the free food, accommodation and ground transportation provided to all participants by Toronto's host organizing committee. The practice of providing travel grants for international competitions has been growing and former Ontario premier David Peterson, now chairman of the TO2015 organizing committee, said it is a bidding "tradition" for cities hoping to host multi-sport events.

"You cannot win without it;that's the way it is," said Peterson of the travel aid. "It's the (buy in) price of poker."

Public money accounts for about 90 percent of the estimated $10.6 million being spent by Toronto Games organizers to subsidize travel costs for 11,000 athletes, coaches and team officials competing across the GTA in July and August, including Canadians.

Of that amount, Canadian athletes could receive upwards of $500,000 in travel subsidies, though how much is unclear at this time. The other 10 per cent comes from private sources including sponsorships. The travel grants are not based on financial need.

The funding arrangement means the powerful United States' contingent with nearly 1,500 participants could top $1 million in aid while smaller nations, like St. Kitts and Nevis, will get a few thousand dollars for its handful of athletes and coaches. Torstar News Service found that no accounting is required by Toronto organizers to show how the 41 national sports bodies (which govern their own Olympic and Paralympic programs, including Pan Am Games preparations) will spend the money.

Toronto beat out two other cities which also offered travel subsidies as part of their bidding strategy for the 2015 Games; Lima, Peru and Bogota, Colombia. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Spending scandals**

**The overall budget for the Toronto Pan Am and Parapan Am Games is $1.44 billion. Over the past year, TO2015 organizers have dealt with a rash of spending scandals, including the firing of former chair Ian Troop.**

Construction work continues at Tim Horton's Field ahead of the Pan Am Games. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Netflix babies. Top names influenced by TV series

Tradition tops Ontario's most popular baby names — but further down the lists, a new trend is taking over.

Dubbed the "Netflix Effect," the names of characters from shows such as Orange is the New Black and House of Cards are hitting the top 100 or 150 or just making an appearance, given the series' popularity.

Drug-dealing drama Breaking Bad proved good inspiration for Ontario parents, with 104 naming their newborn Skylar, 87 choosing Jesse and 18 Walter. Even Jax, Gemma and Abel from violent biker series Sons of Anarchy made appearances, according to statistics released Friday by the Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services.

Here in Ontario, despite the influence of series such as Game of Thrones (Arya, Shae, Meera), Mad Men (Sterling and Cooper) and The Big Bang Theory (Penny and Sheldon), the top baby-name choices are Olivia, Emma, Sophia, Ava and Charlotte for girls and Liam, Ethan, Lucas, Noah and Benjamin for boys, said Cynthia Vukets, spokeswoman for the consumer services ministry.

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Christmas concert

## Girl in hospital after falling from stage

A Grade 5 student at St. Margaret of Scotland School in Mississauga was taken to SickKids Hospital with a serious head injury after apparently fainting and falling off the stage Tuesday during a Christmas concert.

After the girl was removed on a stretcher, the concert resumed. Shortly afterward, a second child appeared to faint without falling off the stage and the concert was halted, said a spokesman for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

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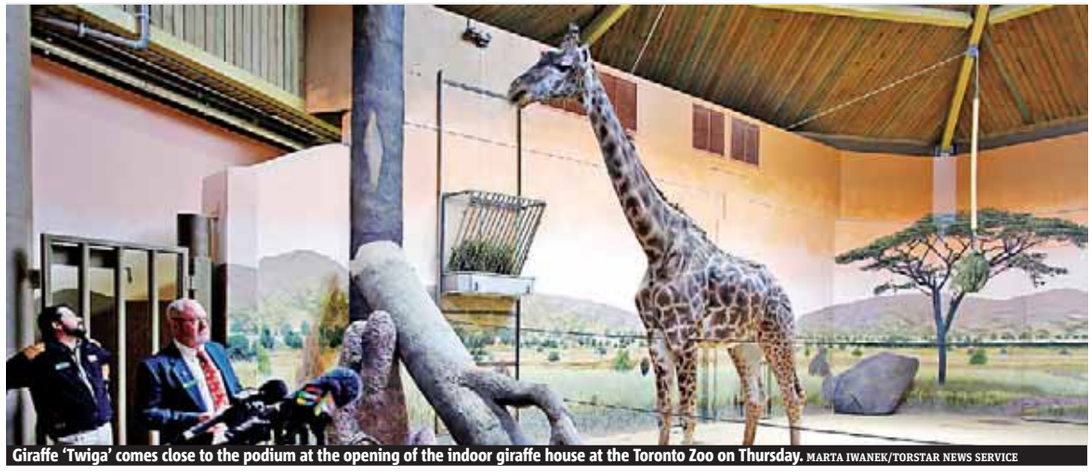

Giraffe 'Twiga' comes close to the podium at the opening of the indoor giraffe house at the Toronto Zoo on Thursday. MARTA IWANEK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Giraffes move into new home

**Toronto Zoo.** Giraffe House allows visitors get up close to animals

Giraffes at the Toronto Zoo now have a new indoor home that would rival the most elaborate hipster loft in height.

The recently unveiled Giraffe House, one of the largest in the country, will shelter Twiga, a 24-year-old Masai giraffe, and her one-year-old calf Mstari.

The 173-square-metre facility, designed specifically for the world's tallest land mammal and adorned with a prominent mural depicting the African savannah, has several unusual feeding stations. A fallen log, for example, provides the giraffes with stimulation as they must manipulate their long tongues to pull food out of it.

The new Giraffe House, which will be open year-round, will allow visitors to get up close to the giraffes. It complements the outdoor Masai Giraffe Habitat, which opened in July. The zoo plans to introduce other species to the indoor house.

As a participant in the Masai Giraffe Species Survival Plan, the zoo hopes to raise awareness of the dangers faced by giraffes.

"It is estimated that there are fewer giraffes in Africa than hippos and they are facing ongoing threats in the wild," said Maria Franke, the Toronto Zoo's curator of mammals, in a statement.

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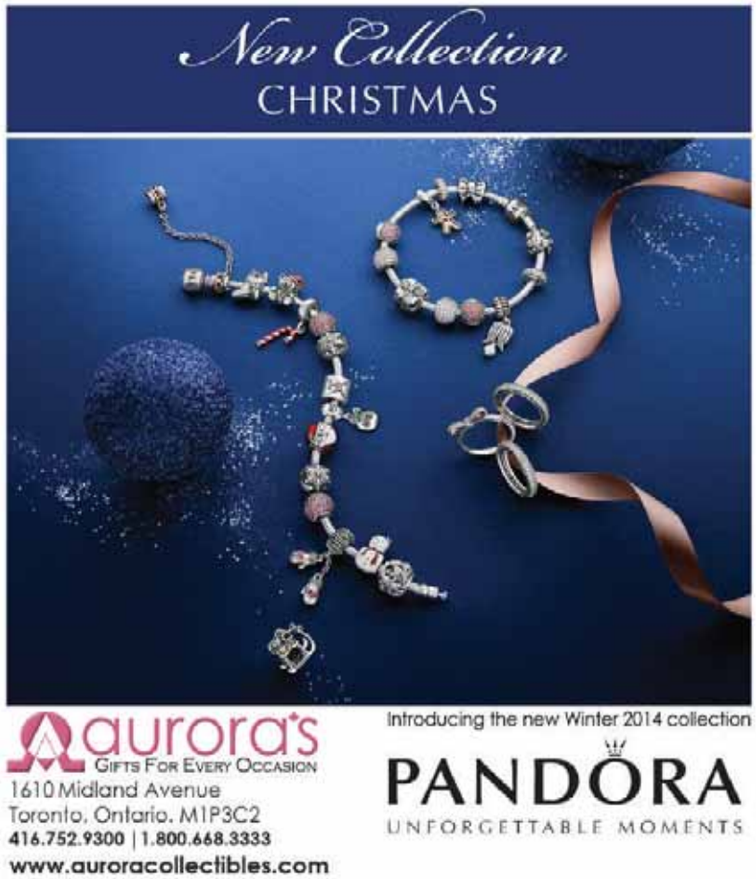

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# Zeds Dead's back in town, this time with hits

**'Somewhere Else.'**
Toronto duo comes home for Saturday's show at the Kool Haus on the heels of its lead single's success

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Toronto boys Zach Rapp-Rovan, a.k.a. "Hooks," and Dylan Mamid, a.k.a. "DC" (Dusty Crates), have earned acclaim as electronic music duo, Zeds Dead.

Performing worldwide with acts like Diplo, Kissy Sell Out and Kid Rock, 2014 culminated with Zeds Dead's newest project, Somewhere Else, reaching No. 1 on iTunes' Dance chart. Its hit single Lost You with Twin Shadow & D'Angelo Lacy has seen heavy radio-rotation in Canada.

With the duo returning for its winter show at the Kool Haus this Saturday, we sat down to chat.

**Metro:** Has your reception here changed with recent success?

**Dylan:** I called TD bank about my Zeds Dead Inc. credit card, and the clerk says, 'Cool. Is that like …' and having heard this before, I interjected:

'Yes. Pulp Fiction.' But she said, 'No. I meant those famous DJs.' I was only slightly less excited than she was when I told her. Funny.

**Metro:** And now, you're in Metro.

**Zach:** Actually, we were an answer in your crossword once — the only one I knew.

**Metro:** So you consider yourselves DJs?

**Dylan:** Yeah, we throw in samples and cuts but we're not traditional hit-playing DJs.

**Metro:** Expecting new fans at this show?

**Zach:** This has become a tradition. We tour all year, then return for this show. This year is different because we've had some radio hits.

Zeds Dead's Zach Rapp-Rovan, left, and Dylan Mamid are returning for their winter show at the Kool Haus on Saturday. CONTRIBUTED

**Dylan:** Yeah, it'll be interesting to see how it translates. Will they sing along? Fans unfamiliar with our back-catalogue will get to experience our show for the first time.

**Metro:** Was Somewhere Else a conscious departure from Hot Sauce?

**Dylan:** This album had a lot of familiar sounds but we were anxious about Lost You being so different, and how it would be received.

**Zach:** In the past, we've taken flak for "departing" with tracks that had virtually no commercial impact. This one we worried about, and it was widely accepted. I guess we just have to trust what we do naturally, and let it ride.

**Metro:** As your success builds, is there something you want to give back?

**Zach:** I've thought about supporting music programs. When I was in high school, I was in a way under-funded program that was eventually cut entirely.

And kids that are bored by traditional subjects might thrive with creative stimulation.

**Dylan:** Yeah, there's no academic prep for what we do, until college, and it's pretty costly if you're unsure.

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# Tories, NDP consider federal fallout from Alberta's political earthquake

Federal Conservatives say they're gobsmacked over the political tectonic shifts in Alberta this week, but they don't have to reach too far into their own history to see parallels with the political pragmatism that's at play.

Wildrose Party Leader Danielle Smith crossed the floor this week with eight MLAs to join the majority Progressive Conservative government. Federal members of Parliament — many of whom supported Wildrose — were caught off-guard by the move.

Some observers have pointed to Wildrose's disappointing showing in recent byelections as the catalyst for her startling decision.

And so it was in 2003, when a relatively new Canadian Alliance Leader Stephen Harper lost a key byelection to the Progressive Conservatives, who were in fifth place nationally at the time.

Harper spent countless hours campaigning with the candidate to no avail. Harper's spokesman, Jason MacDonald, suggested Wednesday that Smith's move had the PM's approval. Harper has dissuaded his MPs from campaigning for one Alberta party or another.

NDP MP Linda Duncan said the fact Prentice took in nine MLAs from the right-wing Wildrose party suggests his party is not progressive.

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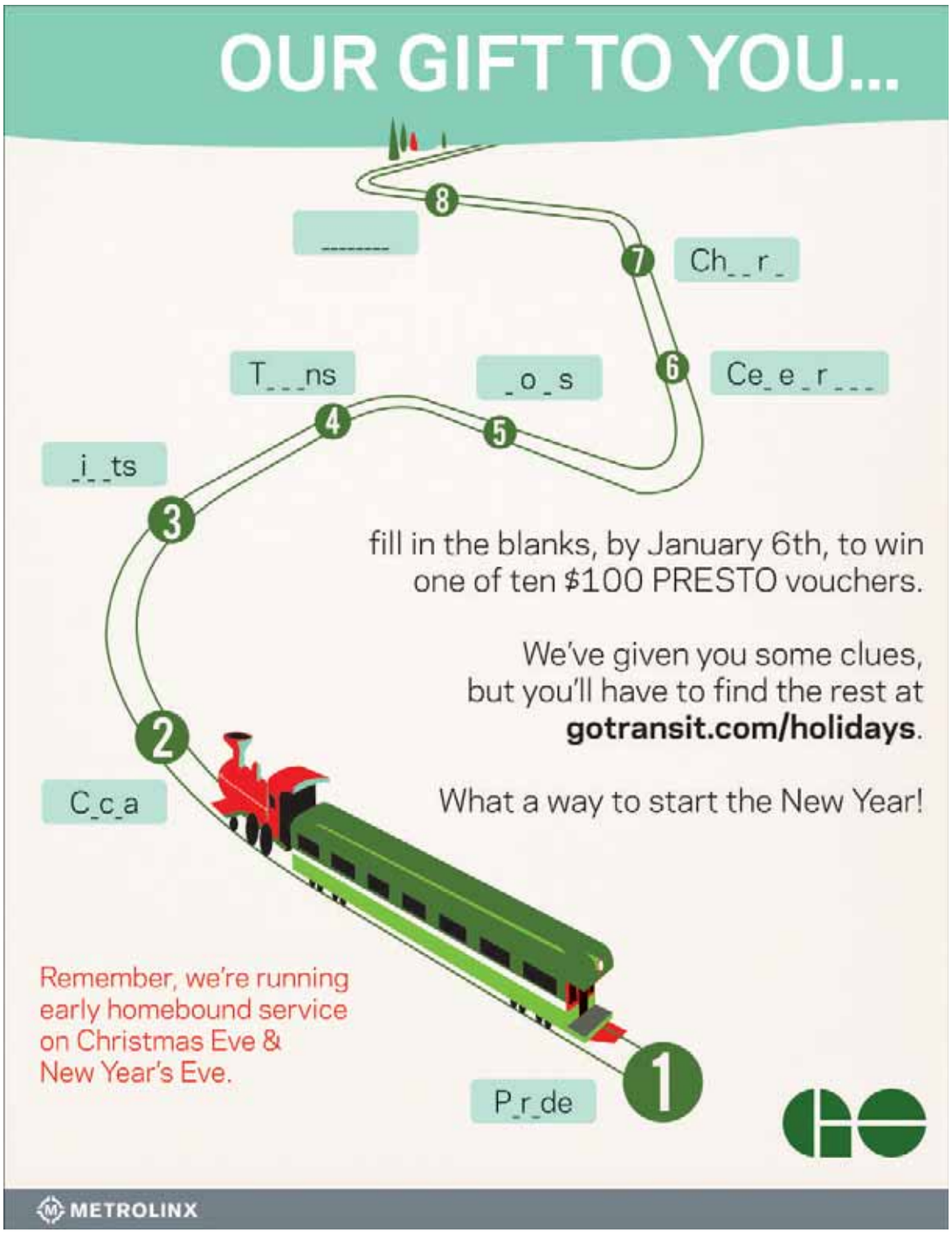
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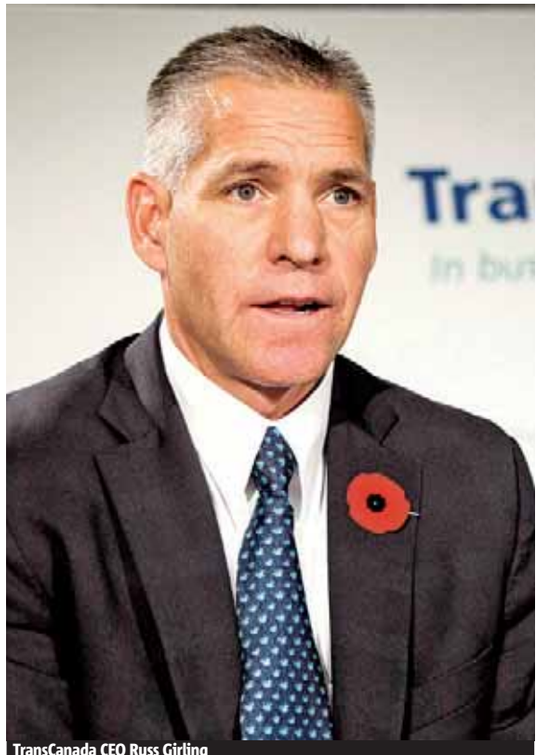

TransCanada CEO Russ Girling

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# Industry has lived through worse: CEO

**TransCanada.** Russ Girling says oil will still want pipelines, despite latest downturn in crude prices

The CEO of TransCanada Corp. says he doesn't see the oil industry's appetite for new pipelines faltering even though crude prices have skidded to the lowest point in more than five-years.

In an interview in his downtown Calgary office, Russ Girling said he's seen ups and downs far more drastic over his career and expects the oilpatch will come out of the latest downturn in reasonably good shape.

"There's a tremendous need to build irrespective of the price of the commodity right now," Girling said.

"We're being pressed to get these facilities online as quickly as we possibly can.''

U.S. benchmark crude has fallen by about half since the summer, settling at $54.11 US a barrel on Thursday.

**Keystone XL**

**TransCanada has been waiting to build its Keystone XL pipeline for more than six years. The $8-billion US project would enable 830,000 barrels per day to flow.**

- It would cut diagonally from the Saskatchewan-Montana border to Steele City, Neb.

In recent weeks, there have been a bevy of announcements from producers signalling that next year's activity in the oilpatch will be subdued.

"I think some have made that connection that, with low oil prices, you might need less infrastructure, but I guess our view would be it's the exact opposite,'' said Girling, noting that one of the reasons prices are so low is the burgeoning North American oil output, much of which has been moving by rail while pipelines are stalled.

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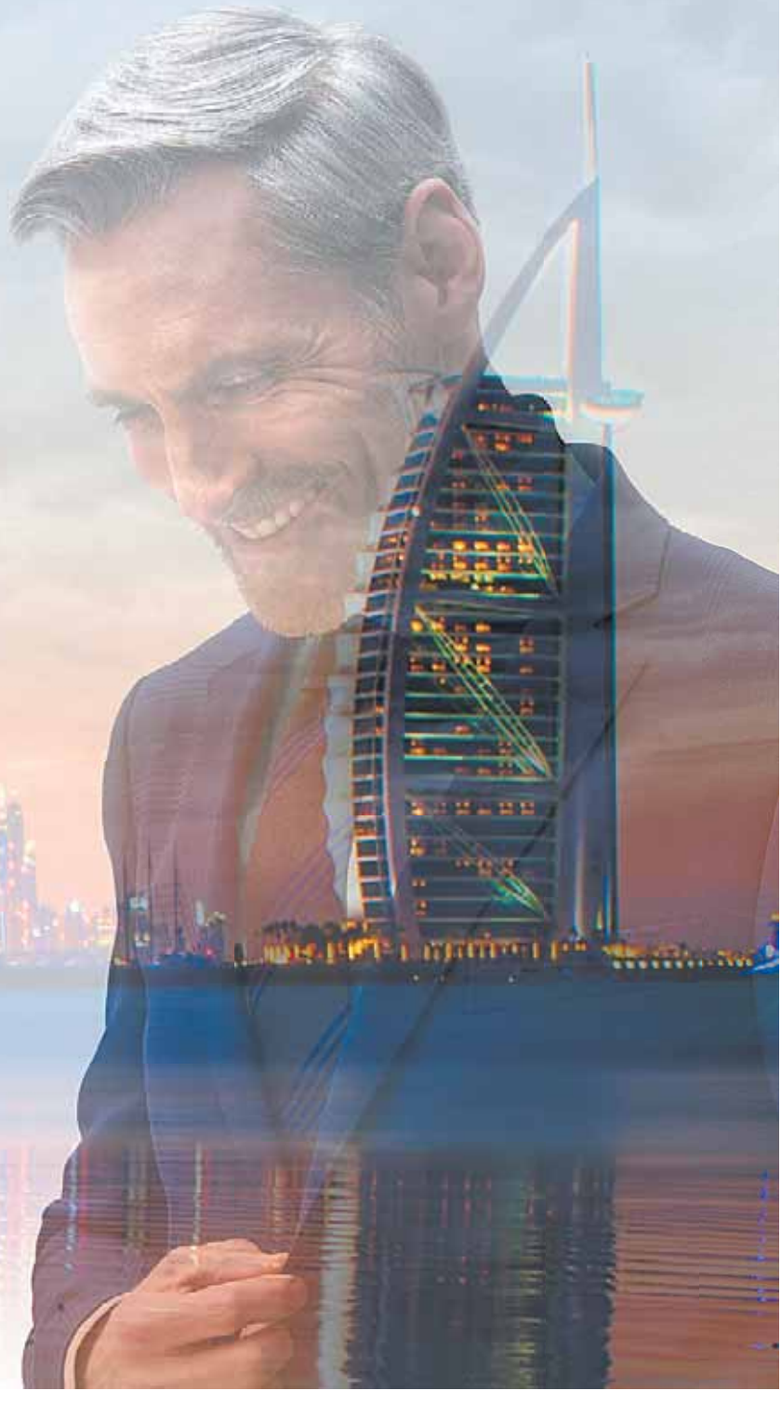

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## June 2010. Woman gets 90-day sentence for fatal crash while helping ducks

A widow whose husband and daughter were killed when their motorcycle crashed into a woman's car as she helped ducks on a highway is satisfied with the accused's 90-day jail term.

Besides the detention, Emma Czornobaj must do 240 hours of community service and is prohibited from driving for 10 years.

She will serve the jail sentence on weekends.

After Czornobaj stopped her car in June 2010 to rescue ducklings on the side of the highway, the motorcycle carrying Andre Roy and his teenager daughter Jessie slammed into her vehicle. A jury convicted her of two counts of criminal negligence causing death and two counts of dangerous driving causing death.

Emma Czornobaj

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Pauline Volikakis, the wife and mother of the victims, says the family was hoping for a significant sentence and got it.

She told reporters outside the courtroom she's happy the family can turn the page and move on with a positive attitude instead of a negative one.

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## 4,600 on organ wait lists. Just one-third of eligible donors donate: Report

While thousands of Canadians wait for transplants that could alter or save their lives, many potentially willing organ donors are never identified or don't make it through the complex donation process, says a report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information released Thursday.

"We know that each year, more than 500 Canadians who die in hospital donate their organs," said Kathleen Morris, director of health system analysis at CIHI. "What we found, using very conservative estimates, is that only about one-third of people who are clinically eligible to donate an organ actually become a donor."

The report said there are untapped donors among deceased patients over age 60 and among those with irreversible brain damage who are declared dead after their heart stops — called donation after cardiocirculatory death, or DCD.

CIHI said there are more than 4,600 Canadians on waiting lists for an organ transplant, and hundreds on the lists die each year because no suitable donor organ becomes available.

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**Backlogged**

### Fewer in-person hearings at social security tribunal

The government's critically backlogged social security tribunal has been working to reduce the number of in-person hearings for jobless, injured Canadians denied employment insurance or Canada Pension Plan disability benefits. But statistics show Canadians are more likely to successfully appeal when they meet face-to-face with tribunal members rather than having hearings held over the phone.

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**Soliciting funds**

### Group fighting terrorist label can't raise funds for lawyer: Minister

An organization that was branded a terrorist group last spring has been denied permission by Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney to raise money to fight the move. The Canadian branch of the International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy is asking the Federal Court of Canada to set aside Blaney's decision as unconstitutional and affirm its right to solicit funds to pay a lawyer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### M.C. Escher on display at National Gallery

A reporter looks at an artwork by artist M.C. Escher on display at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa Thursday, during a media preview of M.C. Escher: the Mathemagician. The show opens Saturday and runs to May 3, 2015. The pieces pictured are Sky and Water I, left, and Metamorphosis (Bees), right.

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# Feds confirm plans for wireless auction

**Attracting more carriers.** Forthcoming wireless auction will reserve much of new spectrum for carriers other than the Big Three

The federal government confirmed Thursday that a forthcoming wireless auction will reserve more than half of the new spectrum for carriers other than the Big Three — Rogers, Bell, and Telus.

Industry Minister James Moore released the details for the auction of AWS-3 spectrum, or advanced wireless services, which is scheduled to begin March 3. The final technical document largely mirrored what the government had already foreshadowed during consultations. Most notably, 60 per cent of the available spectrum will be reserved for smaller carriers, while the remaining 40 per cent will be available to all applicants.

Moore lauded Canada's three major carriers for providing world-class service, but he said consumers need more competition.

"They (Bell, Rogers and Telus) are all some of the best wireless companies that exist anywhere on the globe," Moore said at a Vancouver event. "But while we put more spectrum in the marketplace than ever before, we have a coherent and consistent policy to ensure we reserve more capacity for more competition in the wireless marketplace, which of course will result in lower prices and a better quality of services for Canadian consumers."

The government has been attempting to use its wireless auctions to foster competition, but new entrants have struggled and the three national carriers continue to represent 90 per cent of Canada's wireless customer base.

Moore confirmed the AWS-3 auction will maintain the same opening bid prices that were announced earlier this year. Industry Canada says it would raise $162.45 million from the auction if it receives just the minimum bid for each parcel of wireless spectrum.

The minister also used Thursday's announcement to reveal other measures intended to increase capacity, including a contentious plan to allow mobile service on a band currently used by rural wireless Internet service. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Previous auction**

**Earlier this year, the government held an auction of prime 700 MHz spectrum, which raised $5.27 billion.**

- However, Rogers Communications, BCE Inc. and Telus bought the bulk of the licences, with regional players also making smaller acquisitions.
- Wind Mobile, which is attempting to position itself to become a fourth national carrier, could not secure funding.
- Wind's CEO has said the company's next step is to acquire more wireless spectrum.

## Magnotta jury heads into fourth day's deliberations

Day 3 of jury deliberations at Luka Rocco Magnotta's murder trial came and went Thursday without a verdict.

The jurors will be back for a fourth day on Friday.

Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder and four other charges in the slaying and dismemberment of Chinese engineering student Jun Lin in May 2012.

The eight women and four men began deliberating on Tuesday and have emerged just once because they wanted to know whether personality disorders are considered a mental disorder under law.

Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer told them Wednesday the answer to their question was yes.

Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder and is seeking to be found not criminally responsible. His lawyer says he is schizophrenic and couldn't tell right from wrong.

On the murder charge, the jury has four options: Find Magnotta guilty of first-degree murder, second-degree murder or manslaughter, or find him not criminally responsible. The judge told the jurors Monday that if they find the accused not criminally responsible, that verdict must be the same for all five charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Mental disorder defense**

**Prosecutor Louis Bouthillier has argued the schizophrenia was a misdiagnosis and that his medical problems and behaviour are likely the result of personality disorders.**

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# CF-18s bomb enemy targets in Iraq

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Canadian warplanes have been in action in Iraq once again, bombing enemy targets ahead of Kurdish Peshmerga forces, who are pushing to completely break the siege in the Sinjar mountains.

The region along the Syrian border was home to many members of the Yazidi minority before extremist fighters swept in last August, killing or abducting hundreds and prompting tens of thousands of refugees to flee.

Col. Dan Constable, the commander of Canada's task force for the Iraq mission, says two CF-18s bombed an enemy position about 100 kilometres northwest of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city.

The extremists had erected "defensive fighting positions and safe havens, places where they can engage from," Constable said in a teleconference from an undisclosed base in Kuwait.

It is part of a stepped-up air campaign by the U.S.-led coalition battling militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The coalition carried out 61 strike missions from Dec. 15 to 17.

Since beginning combat operations in late October, the CF-18s have flown a total 130 sorties and carried out nine bombing runs.

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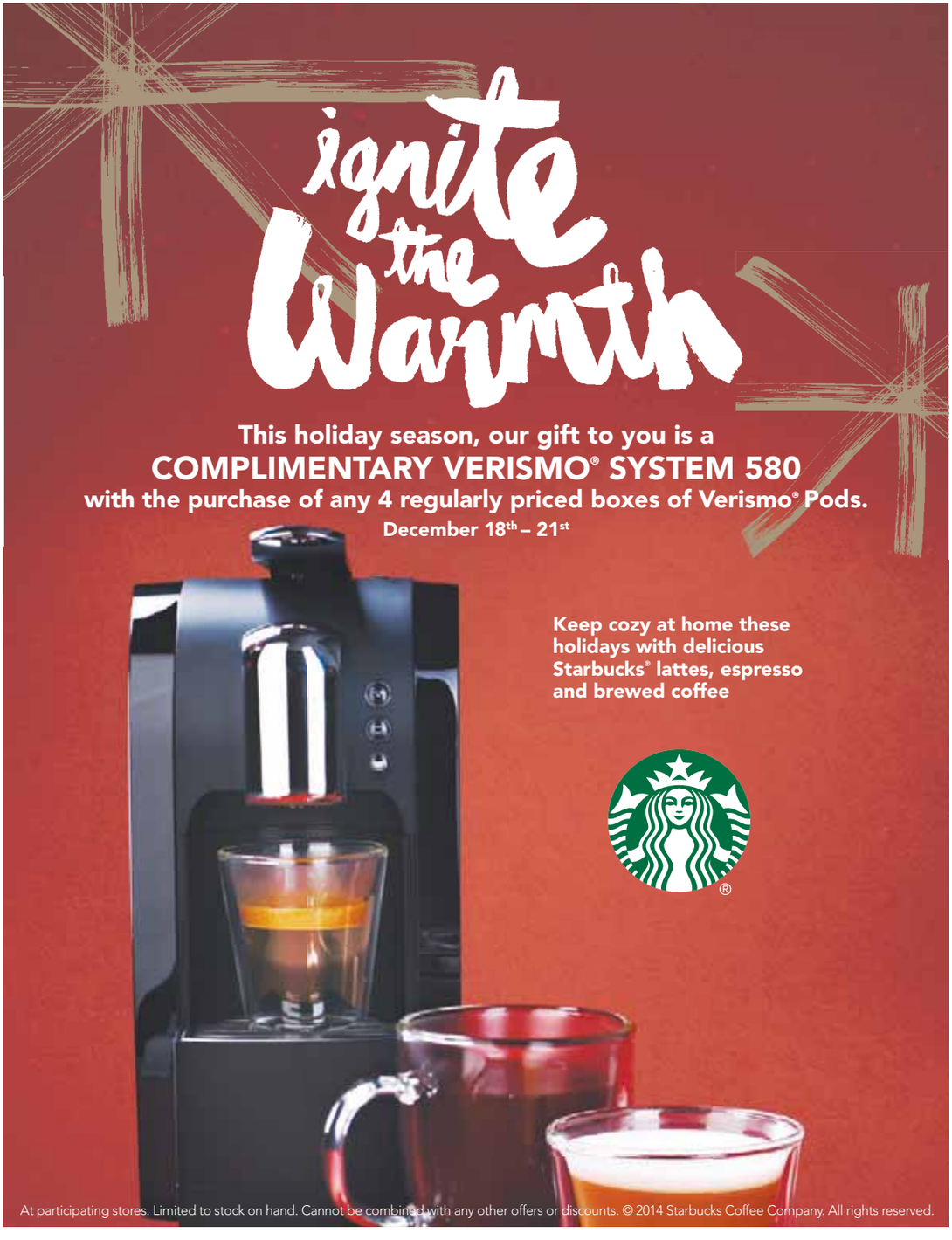
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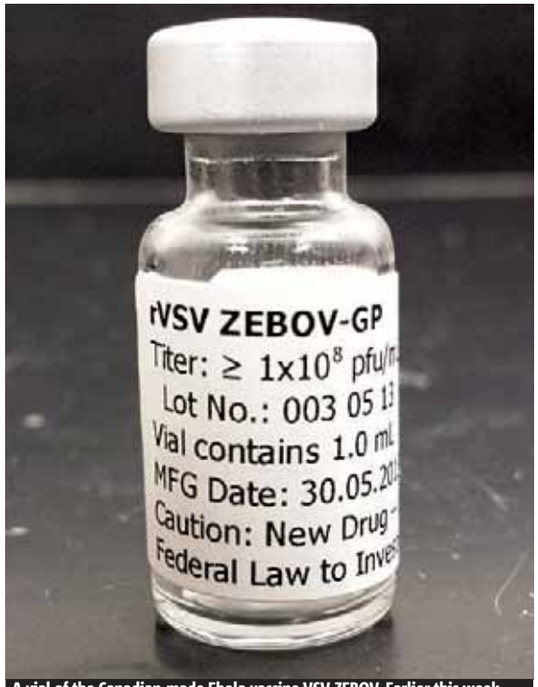


A vial of the Canadian-made Ebola vaccine VSV-ZEBOV. Earlier this week, U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law legislation that may change the economics of making drugs to protect against Ebola. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# U.S. law may affect Ebola economics

**Making vaccines.** Pharmaceutical companies now eligible for priority review

Earlier this week, U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law a piece of legislation that may significantly change the economics of making drugs or vaccines to protect against Ebola and other viruses in its deadly family.

And it might at some point provide a windfall for Merck, the company now developing an Ebola vaccine designed at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

The bill — S.2917, also known as Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act — dangles a sizable carrot meant to entice pharmaceutical companies to develop vaccines and therapies to prevent or cure infection with the virus and other related pathogens in the filovirus family.

Companies that manage to license an Ebola therapeutic in the United States are now eligible for a priority review voucher from the Food and Drug Administration, which is in effect a promise from the agency that it will swiftly process a future drug or vaccine approval application.

The value of a priority review voucher isn't fixed. If it is sold, the price really depends on what interested buyers are willing to pay. But last month a Montreal company, Knight Therapeutics, sold a priority review voucher for a cool $125 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Merck**

- In late November, Merck bought the licence to develop the Winnipeg Ebola vaccine for $50 million from NewLink Genetics, which acquired it in 2010 for $205,000.
- A priority review voucher would likely be worth more than double Merck's outlay, say those watching the program to see if it leads to the advances it is meant to inspire.

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# Boko Haram blamed for more kidnapping

**Nigerian village.** Most of those taken were young women, children and members of a civilian defence group

Islamic extremists killed 35 people and kidnapped at least 185 in an attack near the town where nearly 300 schoolgirls were taken hostage in April, witnesses said Thursday.

In Sunday night's attack on the village of Gumburi, most of the kidnapped were young women, children and members of a civilian defence group fighting Boko Haram, according to residents, a security official and a local government officer.

Teenager Aji Ibrahim said he was lucky to escape into the bushes.

"No doubt they were Boko Haram members because they were chanting 'Allahu akbar' (God is great) while shooting at people and torching houses," he said.

News of the attack took days to emerge because the militants have destroyed communications towers and people walked for days to avoid areas under extremist control.

Gumburi is 20 kilometres from Chibok, the northeastern town where extremists kidnapped 276 schoolgirls in April. Dozens of the students escaped that attack, but 219 remain missing.

The militants have kidnapped hundreds of people, but the mass kidnappings of the girls from a boarding school attracted international outrage and condemnation of Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan and his military for their failure to rescue the hostages.

The United States, Britain, France and China were among countries that sent security experts and hostage negotiators to help free the girls.

Washington also flew drones over the area where it believed the schoolgirls were held. None of them have yet been found.

Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau initially demanded the release of his fighters who are being held illegally without charges or trial. But Jonathan said he would not negotiate with terrorists.

There were reports that some of the girls had been married to their captors and some carried across borders.

In a recent video, Shekau said the girls were "an old story," implying their release was no longer up for negotiation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Soldiers sentenced**

**A human-rights lawyer says 54 Nigerian soldiers have been sentenced to death because they embarrassed the military by demanding weapons to fight extremists and says they were justified in not going on what would have been a suicide mission.**

## Pakistan condemns, mourns loss of children

A Pakistani child attends a protest on Thursday to condemn the Taliban attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar. The Taliban massacre killed more than 140 people, mostly children, at the military-run school in northwestern Pakistan on Tuesday. The nation mourned the heart-wrenching devastation as mass funerals got underway. MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Europe. Obesity can be a disability, EU court rules

The European Court of Justice says obesity can be a disability, a ruling that could have consequences for employers across the continent.

The court ruled Thursday in the case of a Danish childminder who says he was unfairly fired for being fat.

The court said if obesity hinders "full and effective participation in professional life," it could count as a disability. Discrimination on the grounds of disability is illegal under European Union law.

Karsten Kaltoft worked as a childminder for 15 years for the Municipality of Billund in Denmark, before he was dismissed in 2010.

Kaltoft, who weighed 159 kilograms, says he was fired for being obese, a claim his employer contests.

The court says it was for Danish courts to decide whether Kaltoft's obesity constituted a disability.

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**Weighty issue**

**159 kg**

Karsten Kaltoft who weighed 159 kilograms, says he was fired from his job as a childminder for being obese

**Hidden cocaine**

## Coffee shipment packs an extra kick

A Berlin coffee business found stimulants it didn't expect in a shipment of unroasted coffee from Brazil: 33 kilos of cocaine.

Police in the German capital said Thursday that employees at the coffee-roasting business found the bag full of the drug when they opened a newly arrived container of coffee, and contacted authorities.

The delivery was shipped from Brazil to the German North Sea port of Bremerhaven on its way to Berlin.

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# 'Ugly' Charlie Brown Christmas tree gets the Peanuts treatment

City councillor Jeff Waltman photographs the city's official Christmas tree last week in Reading, Pa. Waltman fought to save the 50-foot Norway spruce that many compared to the spindly tree in A Charlie Brown Christmas. The city is now embracing the theme. MICHAEL RUBINKAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Norway spruce.** Once rejected and shamed, tree turns into focus of Christmas' imperfection

The official Christmas tree of Reading, Pa., has brought the city plenty of grief. Good grief.

When the 50-foot Norway spruce went up last month, it drew immediate comparisons to the scraggly sapling in A Charlie Brown Christmas. Its giant bare spots and asymmetrical branches were no one's idea of Christmas tree perfection — especially in Pennsylvania, one of the largest producers of Christmas trees in the United States.

**Message**

**"Sometimes we have to keep things in perspective, and I think that's the lesson here."**

Reading, Pa., Mayor Vaughn Spencer

Some residents and officials called it an embarrassment and demanded it be replaced. Instead, Reading decided to embrace the Charlie Brown theme.

Workers wrapped a blue blanket around its base — a la Linus — and adorned it with a single red ball. The city announced a worldwide photo and essay contest, with winners to receive copies of the book version of the beloved TV special. And on Saturday, the public is invited to give the tree a makeover, just like the Peanuts gang surprised Charlie Brown by turning his puny pine into a trimmed, twinkling tannenbaum.

"Christmas is so commercialized that we tend to forget what Christmases used to be like," said Mayor Vaughn Spencer, channeling good ol' Charlie Brown himself.

City councillor Jeff Waltman said the conifer symbolizes Reading itself: full of potential and ready for transformation.

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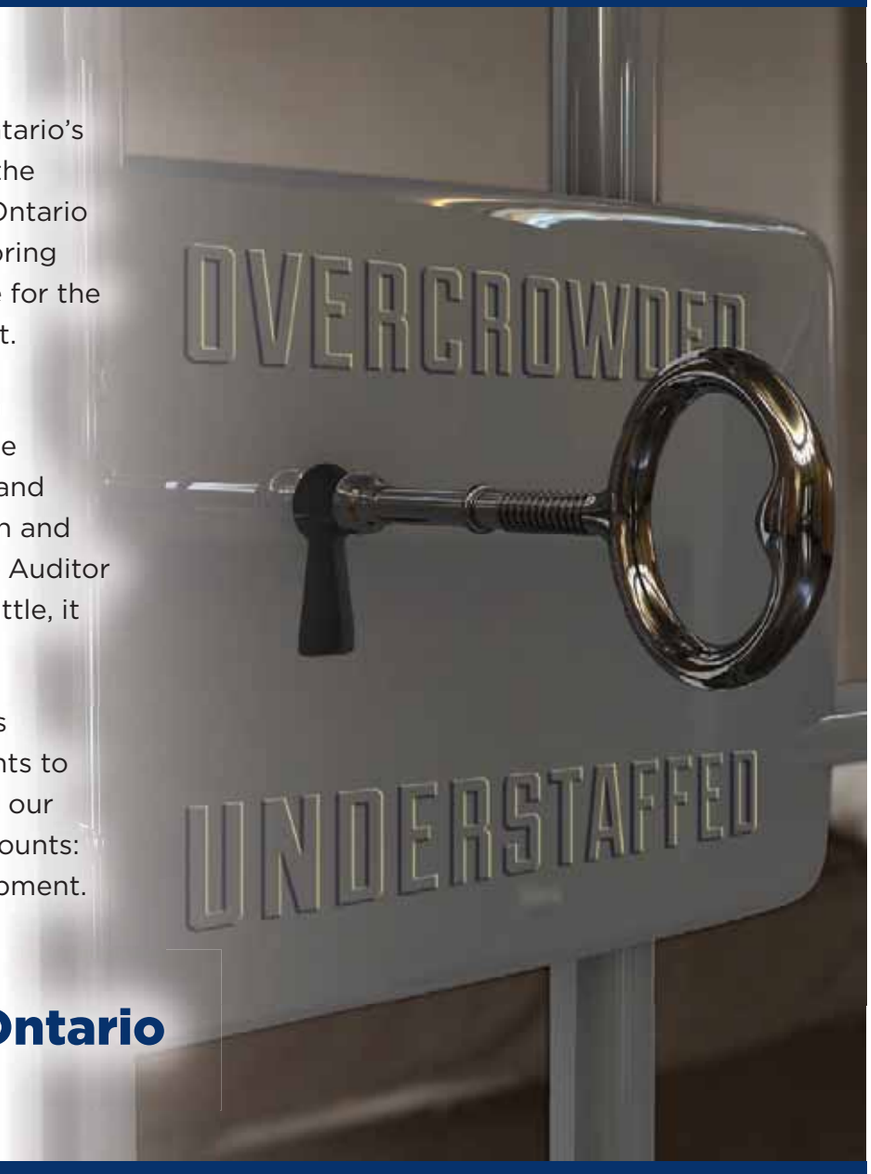


365 days a year, the men and women who run Ontario's Correctional facilities and supervise offenders in the community are working to ensure the people of Ontario stay safe. But thanks to a government that is ignoring calls for improvements, this comes at a high price for the workers, and the people they are trying to protect.

Overcrowded, dangerous facilities are resulting in hundreds of assaults on staff every year, and those numbers are climbing. Unmanageable caseloads and inadequate staffing means offenders on probation and parole get less supervision in the community. The Auditor General reports that government is spending so little, it puts the public at undue risk.

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# Drones: The new storm chasers

**Into the tornado.**
Researchers want to expand project that uses drones to penetrate weather systems and collect tornado data

Researchers say they have collected promising weather data by flying instrument-laden drones into big Western and Midwestern storms, and now they want to expand the project in hopes of learning more about how tornadoes form.

Drones can penetrate parts of weather systems that other instruments can't reach, and they can do it at less cost and with less danger than piloted planes, the scientists say.

The University of Colorado and University of Nebraska announced they have formed the Unmanned Aircraft System and Severe Storms Research Group to develop the program.

**Why use drones?**
Scientists have no other way to get instruments deep inside a storm. Drones can take measurements at any altitude up to about 2,500 feet — higher than measurements by ground stations and storm-chasing vehicles, said Adam Houston of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, who is co-director of the research group. Drones can cover more territory than a ground-based storm chaser, and they don't need an airport to take off or land. A drone can fly into the strong winds, downdrafts, rain and hail of a powerful storm without putting a human pilot in danger.

**Don't they crash?**
So far, none of the drones have crashed during storm research, but if the scientists launch a more intensive program with more flights, crashes become more likely, said Eric Frew, director of the University of Colorado's Research and Engineering Center for Unmanned Vehicles and a member of the Severe Storms Research Group.

**What kind of drones?**
The aircraft are about five feet long and have a wingspan of about 10.5 feet. They carry instruments to measure temperature, moisture, wind direction and wind speed, transmitting data to researchers on the ground via Wi-Fi. Including instruments, autopilot and communications gear, they cost $30,000 to $50,000 each. Making them storm-worthy increases the cost above other research drones, but piloted aircraft would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A team of researchers from the University of Colorado and NOAA sample surface boundaries in the Pawnee National Grasslands near Grover, Colo., as a storm develops over Wyoming in June 2013. NOAA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**What do researchers learn?**
Researchers try to fly the drones into supercell thunderstorms, which create tornadoes, but not into tornadoes themselves. The measurements taken inside a storm provide a "fingerprint" that can tell where the air inside a storm came from and what forced it there, Houston said. If that air becomes part of a tornado, the fingerprint can help researchers learn how the twister formed. The researchers also want to know if that information could help forecasters predict tornadoes.

**What have they done so far?**
Colorado and Nebraska researchers have flown drones into about 10 storms, including six supercell thunderstorms, since 2009. "Funding agencies didn't believe we could do it," Frew said. "We demonstrated that we could do it." The temperature and moisture data from those flights were good, but the wind measurements proved trickier, Houston said, and researchers are working on ways to improve them.

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# Putin warns West it can't rein in Russia

**Hard liner.** Russian President says he'll shore up the ruble and revive the economy within two years

Sternly warning the West it cannot defang the metaphorical Russian bear, a confident-looking President Vladimir Putin promised Thursday to shore up the plummeting ruble and revive the economy within two years.

While he issued a litany of sharp rebukes against the West, Putin struck a conciliatory note on Ukraine, saying that the rebellious east should remain part of the country, backing a quick exchange of war prisoners and praising his Ukrainian counterpart.

The mixture of blistering anti-Western rhetoric and constructive signals appeared to indicate that Putin is eager to negotiate a face-saving solution to the Ukrainian crisis, but has no intention of conceding defeat in his stand-off.

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**New sanctions**

**President Barack Obama signed legislation Thursday authorizing new sanctions on Russia but said he does not plan to impose the penalties outlined in the measure.**

President Vladimir Putin in front of the map of Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Lawsuit**

## U.S. sues New York City over Rikers Island issues

U.S. federal prosecutors sued New York City on Thursday to speed the pace of reforms at the Rikers Island jail complex and address what a Justice Department investigation found was a "deep-seated culture of violence" toward young inmates.

The move comes a day after Mayor Bill de Blasio visited the 10-jail lockup to announce the end of solitary confinement for 16- and 17-year-old inmates, a policy change initiated after the 2-1/2-year federal probe released in August.

But the end of solitary was just one of 73 recommendations made by federal prosecutors to curb violence, improve investigations, strengthen accountability and reduce the use of solitary confinement for inmates who break jailhouse rules.

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# Evidence in Sony 'whodunit' hacking mostly circumstantial

**Response.** While many have pointed the finger at North Korea, the U.S. is still investigating

The detective work blaming North Korea for the Sony hacker break-in appears so far to be largely circumstantial, The Associated Press has learned. The dramatic conclusion of a Korean role is based on subtle clues in the hacking tools left behind and the involvement of at least one computer in Bolivia previously traced to other attacks blamed on the North Koreans.

Experts cautioned that hackers notoriously employ disinformation to throw investigators off their tracks, using borrowed tools, tampering with logs and inserting false references to language or nationality.

Workers remove a poster for The Interview from a billboard in Hollywood on Thursday. Sony announced Wednesday it had no choice but to cancel the movie's Christmas release and pull it from theaters due to a credible threat.
MICHAEL THURSTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The hackers are believed to have been conducting surveillance on the network at Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc. since at least the spring, based on computer forensic evidence and traffic analysis, a person with knowledge of the investigation said.

If the hackers hadn't made their presence known by making demands and destroying files, they probably would still be inside because there was no indication their presence was about to be detected, the person said. This person, who described the evidence as circumstantial, spoke only on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk openly about the case.

Still, the evidence has been considered conclusive enough that a U.S. official has said that federal investigators have now connected the Sony hacking to North Korea.

In public, White House spokesman Josh Earnest on Thursday declined to blame North Korea, saying he didn't want to get ahead of investigations by the Justice Department and the FBI. Earnest said evidence shows the hacking was carried out by a "sophisticated actor" with "malicious intent."

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**Impact**

**A breakdown of areas where Sony may suffer damage:**

- **Box-office losses.** With a modest budget of about $40 million US, The Interview had been predicted to gross around $30 million in its opening weekend and could have grossed $120 million in U.S. and foreign box office revenue. Sony has already spent tens of millions on marketing.
- **Stirred or shaken.** A leaked script of Sony's upcoming James Bond film Spectre led to an online frenzy of articles warning readers of "major spoilers." The potential damage from a hit to the blockbuster franchise is big. "How can they proceed if everyone in the audience has already read the script?" said an analyst. "You basically need to start over and see how much you can salvage."

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# Online prices fluctuate wildly minute-by-minute

**Buy now!?** Online tools mean the price of that sweater you had your eye on could change several times in one day

Online shopping has become as volatile as stock market trading. Wild, minute-by-minute price swings on everything from clothes to TVs have made it difficult for holiday shoppers to "buy low."

A growing number of retailers are using software that changes online prices based on demand, competition, inventory and other factors. The main goal is to undercut rivals when necessary, and raise prices when demand is high and there's no competitive pressure.

But the new online tools can change the price on a single item — say, a sweater — dozens of times throughout the day. And that can leave shoppers confused about when they can get the best deal.

Take Aishia Senior, who recently watched the price on a coat she wanted rise and fall several times between $110 and $139 US in a span of six hours on Amazon.com. She was so frustrated by the price fluctuations that she ended up not buying the coat on the site at all.

The rapidly changing prices come as retailers struggle to achieve conflicting goals this holiday season. They want to appease deal-hungry shoppers with the ever-lower prices they've come to expect since the recession. But they also want to protect their bottom line, which is difficult to do because lower prices cut into profits.

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**One-hour delivery**

**Amazon.com launched a service Thursday known as Prime Now that promises one-hour delivery of household products to its Prime customers in Manhattan. One-hour delivery costs $7.99 US but two-hour delivery is also offered for free.**

**Chain co-founder**

## Kids can play on field for now: Subway honcho

A co-founder of the Subway sandwich chain says kids in Danbury, Conn., can continue to play soccer on a field he owns until a new athletic field is ready to open. Peter Buck purchased the 13-acre field from the city for about $3.2 million US in September with plans to build a warehouse for personal items. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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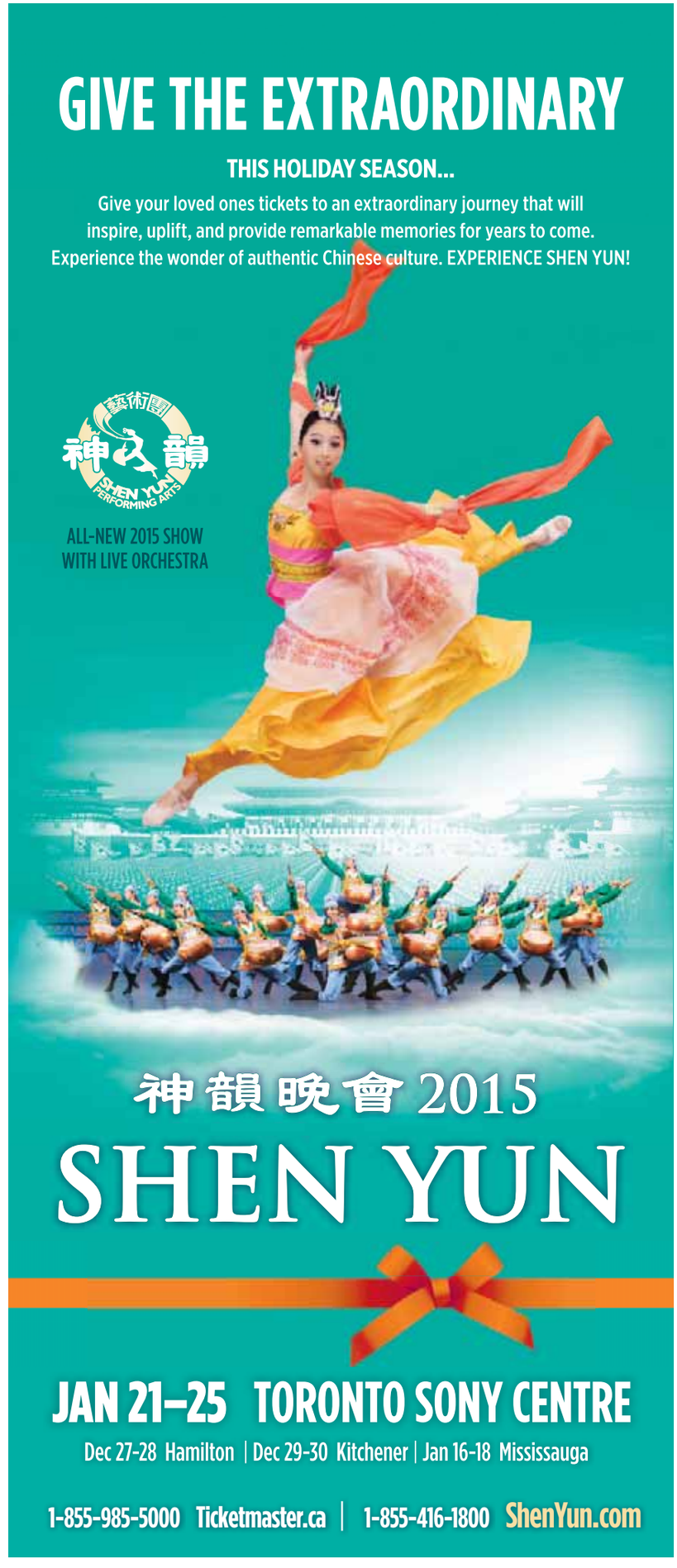
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By Rebecca Kohler

I don't know too much about Cuba or why the U.S. ended diplomatic relations with them in 1961.

I grew up hearing about an "embargo," a missile crisis and something about some pigs on the bay. Delicious? Oh yeah, and that communism thing.

In my adulthood I came to know Cuba as a sunny vacation destination for friends who enjoyed bad food and copious amounts of rum.

The fact that Cuba had poor relations with the States made it seem cooler — like that weird loner in high school who stayed away from the popular crowd but was still hot.

But with the announcement Wednesday that the U.S. will be opening an embassy in Havana, it's only a matter of time before U.S. tourist visas are approved and the American masses start flooding in.

A happy day for Cuban business people, a sad one for Canadian travellers; Cuba was our place.

If Americans wanted to travel to Cuba, they had to fly through Canada to get there. It was this one thing we had that they needed, aside from poutine: Airports.

Now Cuba's going to be flooded with our loud, southern counterparts.

Large derrieres and fanny packs knocking us to the ground as we, in true Canadian fashion, apologize for being in their way.

As we sit at tables by the ocean, enjoying the familiar scent of universal health care, we'll be startled by the woman at the next table, speaking to the waiter like she has a megaphone implanted in her mouth, "EXCUSE ME. I'll have another mojito! GRACIAS!"

Gone are the days when the only American we saw in Cuba was Ernest Hemingway's ghost as he smoked a Monte Cristo with that man by the sea.

**A farewell to arm-room**

**Gone are the days when the only American we saw in Cuba was Ernest Hemingway's ghost as he smoked a Monte Cristo with that man by the sea.**

And what about the old cars? Studebakers, Oldsmobiles, Soviet imports? I don't really care about cars, but I do care about ambience.

Those cars gave a fun trip an educational twist — sure, you were puking up Havana Club, but you were doing it in an automobile museum.

Annoying people and Ford Focuses aside, maybe the saddest part about this important diplomatic shift is how much this is going to cost us.

I have friends who have spent an all-inclusive week in Cuba for under $1,000.

I doubt prices will stay so low, with 300 million potential new customers trampling through the discount-getaway websites.

Supply and demand is a harsh economic bitch. Cuban resort owners are probably dusting out their wallets right now as they learn to prepare a plate of grits.

Look, maybe there's a bright side.

Those new cars? A boon for the environment. Trade relations with the States? The food is bound to improve. Americans at the table beside you? A reason to feel better about yourself.

Let's look at this as two countries hugging after a long, ridiculous disagreement. It's kinda beautiful.

That said, I wonder what North Korea's like this time of the year.

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# Happy face/Sad face

From kowtowing to hackers to old-school illness, Metro weighs-in on the news that made headlines this week:

### AND BY 'YES', WE MEAN 'NO'

Major bummer for nearly 300 would-be Johns Hopkins students. Turns out the prestigious university in Baltimore accidentally sent congratulatory admissions messages to 294 applicants who had actually been turned down. A contracted employee had pulled the wrong list of emails and set in motion the unfortunate turn of events.

### THE MAGIC OF INCLUSIVITY

J.K. Rowling has no doubt made kids from The Youth Project in Halifax seriously happy after retweeting a poster they made that says, "If Harry Potter taught us anything, it's that no one should live in a closet." The tweet was in response to a fan asking if LGBT students were in attendance at Hogwarts. We think it's pretty safe to say that the answer is "yes".

### HOLLYWOOD VS. THE HACKERS (SPOILER: THE HACKERS WIN)

Sony Pictures cancelled Seth Rogan/James Franco movie The Interview, about two guys who plot to kill North Korea's leader, after hackers break into their system and make 9/11-style terror threats. If we don't have the freedom to watch third-rate political spoofs on Christmas Day, have the terrorists already won?

### ART SCHOOL GOES HEART SCHOOL

A U.K. art student raised more than £21,000 for a homeless man after he offered her his last £3 so she could get home safely. Dominique Harrison-Bentzen set up a donation page asking for £3 a pop to give to a homeless man named Robbie. In exchange, she and others spent 24 hours out on the streets. Makes that nude performance piece challenging the hegemony or whatever seem pretty lame in comparison, huh?

### THE MUMPS

Millions of non-medical professionals diagnosed Nova Scotia native Sidney Crosby with mumps days before the Pittsburgh Penguins' official doctors admitted the star player had the illness. More than a dozen players from five teams have been sidelined with the illness that causes, among other things, unmistakably swollen glands.

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# The must-see films of 2014

**Look-back list.** This year in film was one that offered accidental echoes of real life from charged movies about race like Dear White People and Selma, to anxieties about the passing of time, reflected in Boyhood

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

The Grand Budapest Hotel placed second on our list of top films of 2014. CONTRIBUTED

Here then are the best, darkest, funniest and, occasionally, just fun movies of the year.

**10. Edge of Tomorrow**
The first two-thirds of this Tom Cruise sci-fi spectacular are so good — hey, it's Groundhog Day with aliens, how do you screw that up? — that the so-so third that follows is easy to excuse. More funny/clever than rip-roaring, this — not interchangeable, interlocking Marvel romps — is what should be clogging multiplexes.

**9. Selma**
The world's first studio picture about Martin Luther King Jr. could have been another turgid biopic. Instead, it's a thrilling telling of a small but vital chapter in his life. And its portrayal of protests is more than accidentally topical, as peaceful protests concerning race rage in the streets: It's about the grunt work of activism and the way it requires sly manipulation.

**8. Two Days, One Night**
It's easy to take for granted Belgium's Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne (Kid with a Bike), who reliably churn out deeply humanist and deeply gripping social dramas that often play like nail-biting thrillers. Their latest is only slightly better than usual, which is to say it's consistently heartbreaking, with Marion Cotillard rushing like mad on a fool's errand to save her crappy job.

**7. Inherent Vice**
The year's funniest comedy is, of course, an adaptation of the unadaptable Thomas Pynchon. The daunting novelist's impenetrable stoner detective tome becomes more than just another Big Lebowski: Combining Pynchon with Paul Thomas Anderson, it has the weirdest sense of humour since ... well, Anderson's Punch-Drunk Love.

**6. Dear White People**
Important without being pompous, necessary but still a blast, Justin Simien's temperature-taking of modern times as reflected through campus life wasn't really about stupid white people so much as about the diversity of black life that never, ever gets shown on screens.

**1. Under the Skin**

Scarlett Johansson took on some dangerous roles in 2014, including a mysterious alien in Under the Skin. CONTRIBUTED

Scarlett Johansson was dangerous in 2014. Lucy turned her into the invincible master of the universe. She was merely an alien seductress in this hypnotic mood piece, in which she trolled Glasgow, luring bros to a mysterious, inexplicable kind of death. There's a lot going on here, from its unflattering, detached view of humanity to its playfully empathic view of a psychopath who tries, and fails, to become human. But it's also a study of ScarJo, celebrity icon: someone outside of the rest of us, lusted after yet unobtainable, who ultimately can never be one of us, even if that may be for the best.

**5. We are the Best!**
Amidst all the misery and tragedy of this year, there was always this: a 100 per cent joyous comedy about self-serious Swedish tween punk rock girls. They banged away at songs about sports and corporations with less finesse than Animal the Muppet.

**4. Listen Up Philip**
There were a lot of sociopath movies this year, from Whiplash to Big Eyes. Jason Schwartzman's young, cartoonishly pompous novelist wasn't even the worst of them, but he was the saddest — an upstart trying to be the kind of literary jerk of a bygone era and succeeding only at turning into a sour loner who drives away the only girl, potentially, who could put up with him (Elisabeth Moss). The film's final line of narration may make you dive for a stiff drink.

**3. National Gallery**
Frederick Wiseman has been cranking out observational documentaries on institutions — High School, Hospital, Central Park — for half a century. This hang at the London museum is more of the same, only more brilliant than usual — a shape-shifter that over its three leisurely hours turns into a look at cosmic insignificance, with art living longer than those who exhibit and protect it.

**2. The Grand Budapest Hotel**
There's always a deep, dark melancholy bubbling under Wes Anderson films. Here, it's harder to find than usual; this is his zippiest hunk of confectionery yet. But it's also set in a Europe about to be wasted by the Second World War, where violence that seems cartoonish — severed fingers, Looney Tunes-style plummets off cliffs — soon step up and then some. It's so hilarious that its chasmic despair isn't noticeable till a second viewing.

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Mackenzie Mauzy plays Rapunzel and Billy Magnussen is the prince in Into the Woods. CONTRIBUTED

# Meryl's men in tights and 30 feet of hair

**Into the Woods.**
Big-screen adaptation of musical posed many challenges for actors playing Rapunzel and her prince

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I learned a great deal during my interview with Mackenzie Mauzy and Billy Magnussen. The Manhattan-based performers brought me up to speed on the rite of passage for all New York actors, Rapunzel's hair and whether or not Meryl Streep likes men in blue tights.

The pair play Rapunzel and Rapunzel's Prince in the big-screen adaptation of the legendary Broadway musical Into the Woods.

The two relative newcomers — she's best known as Abigail on Forever while he made a memorable appearance on Boardwalk Empire and will soon be seen in an upcoming Steven Spielberg spy thriller — help bring fairy tales to life as part of a large ensemble that includes Johnny Depp, Emily Blunt and Meryl Streep.

Which leads me to the first thing I learned during our chat.

"Meryl's a beast," says Magnussen. "She's the one who got me the job. I was in a play and she saw it and recommended me to (director) Rob (Marshall) and (producer) Mark Platt. The play was Vonya and Sonia and Marsha and Spike, and I dress up as a prince because we're going to a costume party. It's all about the blue tights."

"Meryl likes the blue tights," laughs Mauzy.

Next, I discovered the wig Mauzy wears in the film put her at a follicular risk.

"They used my hair and braided it into the extensions," she says. "It was 30 feet long, so I wrapped it around my arm. I had a little fake one for rehearsal but I asked to actually wear (the real hair) one day so I could figure out how to be mobile. It's a tripping hazard! We joke about how I had a really strong left bicep for a couple of months."

Then, Magnussen enlightened me on a rite of passage for New York actors: "Once you get on Law and Order, you're really an actor."

Both have done time in the L&O trenches.

Mauzy played a child killer named Carly Di Gravia. "It's weird I remember that name," she says.

"It was one of my first jobs," Magnussen says.

"They bleached my hair white and I was a Southern male prostitute. How do you tell your mom? Hey watch this!"

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## Q&A. Paul Thomas Anderson has been fan of Pynchon books for years

Joaquin Phoenix and Paul Thomas Anderson CONTRIBUTED

For filmmaker Paul Thomas Anderson's latest trick, he's taken on a literary titan long thought impossible to adapt for film — or for a single film, at least. But Anderson had been such a fan of Thomas Pynchon for so long that he says he couldn't not do the film version of Inherent Vice, Pynchon's 2009 novel ostensibly about a stoner private detective (Joaquin Phoenix) working a case in 1970 L.A.

**Adapting Pynchon for the screen is a daunting task. At what point did you first think, "I should do this"?**
It was two things at once. It was, "I don't know how to do this and I can't do this, but no one else is going to be allowed to do this but me."

I love, and have loved his work for a long time. I flirted with trying to do Vineland, I certainly thought for a second Mason and Dixon could be done — and maybe someday still will. But this presented itself as doable, as a great lead character weaving through many other great characters. And I loved how many girls there were in it, too. There's so many great parts for girls, and getting your hero to interact with all of them — and most of them are half-clothed. That just seemed so appealing.

**If you take your films chronologically, it tells an interesting story of the development of the L.A. area.**
Sure, sure, for sure. But really not by design. That's just kind of the way things have fallen.

There are people who buy books about history and people who don't. I'm one of those people who buys books about neighbourhoods, where you can see, "Here's the picture of it in 1920 and here's the picture of it today."

**Do you think of your films that way, as a body of work with overarching themes?**
Only in interviews, I do. Like now. But it's funny, things come out in the wash. Like on The Master, the preoccupation was, "You make films about fathers and sons." And I was like, "I do? F—, I guess I do. OK, sure."

I never thought I'd be making a detective movie, ever. This was a way to make a Thomas Pynchon movie, and his concerns are my concerns.

I'd like to steal from his kind of preoccupation with this country, this world, where it's at, where it's going. Republicans in power, land grabs, abuses of power. You know, all this kind of stuff that I love.

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# Joaquin's dopey detective best viewed with a clear head

**Inherent Vice.** Oscar-winning actor says it would be redundant to get stoned before watching his Doc Sportello character

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Joaquin Phoenix CONTRIBUTED

Inherent Vice marks the second time Oscar winner Joaquin Phoenix has teamed up with director Paul Thomas Anderson — they previously collaborated on 2013's The Master — and this one couldn't be more different. For one thing, it's an adaptation of a novel by notoriously elusive and verbose author Thomas Pynchon. For another, it features a twisty, hazy detective novel plot centred around Phoenix's stoner detective, Doc Sportello. But that doesn't mean Phoenix thinks you should smoke up yourself before watching.

**Are you worried about people finding the plot hard to follow? Do you have advice about how to watch it?**
I would say that it's a movie to be experienced. I think if you're sitting there and trying to figure it out, you're going to miss a lot of the beauty of the film.

It really is something where the texture of the movie, the tone of it is such a wonderful experience, it's just this haze. I remember when I was done watching it, I didn't realize how much I'd been transported into this other world, because Paul just lulls you into this state. It's so subtle how he brings you into it.

So I think the best experience is to just go along for the ride and not try to figure it all out. The cool thing about movies is everybody has a different way of watching them and experiencing them.

**So, I have to ask: Yes or no — Is Pynchon in the film?**
I really don't know. It's funny because I feel like kind of a d— now, but I never asked. Like, I just assumed that he wasn't around.

My publicist showed me something where Josh (Brolin) had said that he was around or that he showed up, and I was like, "How did Josh know?" I felt a little bit left out, like did Paul tell Josh and didn't tell me? But, no, I never asked. It just never occurred to me that he would be.

**How does it differ when you have something as dense as this novel versus a script?**
It's weird because there's times when it's really helpful and then there's times when it's really frustrating, because there's things that you loved so much in the book you want to get into the film but you just can't. There's a lot of characters that were just left out.

But obviously the more information you have, the better. It's just tough for me. It was a bit of a struggle because I wanted to remain confused and naive about the story, which isn't difficult to do. You'd have to read it a hundred times, like Paul did, to really get your head around it.

But I always wanted to remain in that state, and it's something that Paul really stirred up. He would combine certain characters or take dialogue from one character and apply it to another, just stir everything up and create this sense of confusion where I didn't really know what was what.

**Is there a difference in the dynamic with him since working on The Master?**
Everything is different. The whole tone of this was different. This felt much more open in a way. When we worked on The Master, it felt so intimate.

**Sober thoughts**

**Joaquin Phoenix says there is no need to get stoned before seeing Inherent Vice.**

**"I don't think so. Because I feel like the movie gives you that feeling, do you know what I mean? So I wouldn't suggest it."**

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# Taking a gritty '70s film and making it your own

**Writer interview.** Man behind The Departed tries his hand at remaking a 1974 James Caan drama with Mark Wahlberg

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

William Monahan was an acclaimed writer who became an acclaimed novelist who became an Oscar-winning screenwriter who now also directs. He won for The Departed, and that script's brash, pissy, sarcastic tone is all over his script for The Gambler, a very loose take on the 1974 drama, about an addict (there, James Caan; here, Mark Wahlberg) out for self-destruction. Monahan has already reunited with Wahlberg for his second directed work, Mojave, out next year.

**What's your relationship with the original?**
I've never seen it. It came out when I was 13 or something, and it seemed to be about sports gambling, which was not then, or now, my cup of tea. I only work from text if I adapt something. So when I was commissioned to write it, I was given (James) Toback's script, and I worked from that. I don't even know if it was a shooter or not. Once I took the job I wouldn't watch the original film. If it's good, I don't want to see it. I'd prefer to work off a script, even an incomplete script — which is what I did with the other adaptation I did.

**There are many reasons to not simply repeat the original. What is yours?**
I'm hired to do my own thing, not just do another iteration of the original film. One of the truths of writing is that there are only a certain number of stories. It's always the teller, not the tale. So my job is to be as ignorant of the original material as I can be and, for better or worse, infuse it with myself.

The Gambler, starring Mark Wahlberg, opens this Friday. CONTRIBUTED

**The end is very, very different here.**
I don't even know what the end was in the original.

**(Spoiler alert) He goes to a whorehouse and gets slashed in the face.**
Something like that, yeah. Very '70s, right? I always love the gutter '70s realism, because it's never really real, and it's always done by middle-class people. Basically, it's bulls—. College professor gets slashed in the face in a whorehouse — no wonder I blanked out on the script at that point. The thing about '70s realism is it gets too much, too much press. What happened was the scripts got sloppier, there was more improv and the camera moves were nowhere like they were in Doris Day pictures. Apart from that there was a little more lens flare, a little more Technicolor hijinks. But crock of s—, really.

As the '70s go, the only things that appeal to me are the more formal pictures, like Apocalypse Now or the Godfather films. It's like I love Cassavetes for what he did. But I know what he did, which is he and a bunch of his friends sprang a 16mm camera around an apartment while up crappy dialogue. I just don't see where it's much different from Yoko Ono having a fly walk across someone's face. I prefer motion pictures to be a little more put together than that.

**Who are your influences then?**
I couldn't begin to tell you. Watching films is like a songwriter listening to the radio. It's like, "Oh that bit works, that bit doesn't." Three quarters of everything doesn't work. And what you want to concentrate on is what does work. Sometimes it can only be one tiny moment in a film, one shot, one line. There's no real consistency in influence.

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# To portray a painter, you must learn to paint

**Mr. Turner Q&A.** Timothy Spall is proud of the artistic skills he developed while preparing to play famed British painter J.M.W. Turner

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You don't get very far into a conversation with British character actor Timothy Spall without him slipping off on an eyebrow-raising tangent. For instance, we're sitting in a room at the InterContinental Hotel, a name that brings to mind an anecdote.

"InterContinental ... I worked in one once. It was the worst place — in the kitchen, in the pastry room," Spall recalls. "I spent all day washing pastry tins in boiling hot water without any soap. My hands — it was like I was wearing rubber gloves, they were so fat and pink. And the chef said, 'Oh by the way, there's some rubber gloves over there.' 'You F--tard!'" He lets out a hearty laugh before adding, "I didn't go back. I joined the theatre."

Another random personal detail he slips in later is that he owns — and extensively uses — an interesting boat.

"It's a bit of a funny old boat. It's a flat-bottom, seagoing barge. And I've been going on the North Sea in it a few times," he says. "I did this mad thing in this boat. We left the Thames, and I was going to go to France and go through the canals. But my wife and I said, 'No, bullocks, let's discover our own country.' So I turned right and we circumnavigated the entire British Isles. On and off, it took four years because I had to go off and make the money to pay for the mooring and the fuel."

Speaking of money, aside from being a former dishwasher and amateur explorer, Spall is first and foremost an actor. And his latest work involves embodying the complicated life of famed British painter J.M.W. Turner in Mike Leigh's Mr. Turner, something he ended up doing much more preparation for than he was expecting.

Timothy Spall plays J.M.W. Turner in Mr. Turner. CONTRIBUTED

"We'd first talked about it seven years ago. Then, in 2010, Mike had me into his office and told me his next film would be about Turner and asked if I was still up for it. I said, 'Yeah, yeah, of course I am!' He said, 'And also, if you don't mind, I'd like you to start learning how to paint now,'" Spall remembers.

That led to some very extensive fine art lessons.

"There's about 300 different images that we made and about 24 paintings. I eventually ended up doing a full-scale copy of Snow Storm: Steam-Boat off a Harbour's Mouth. I don't quite believe it. I've got it on my wall, I look at it and go, 'I didn't do that.' I even had it framed in the same kind of frame that's in the National Gallery. You know, it's not Turner, but it is great."

**Sound effects**

**Timothy Spall knows a lot of attention is being paid to the guttural noises he makes in his portrayal of J.M.W. Turner, but he swears they're not just for comic or actorly effect. "He's this kind of simian, almost earth-like character — like he could come out the mud of the Thames — but he's got all this amazing polymathic intellect, this poetic soul. We elected to make him very introspective," Spall explains. "We made him a man that could've said a million things, but all he did was he computed them and imploded them back into himself in these noises."**

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# Now in theatres

**Musical**

## Annie

**Director.** Will Gluck

**Stars.** Jamie Foxx, Quvenzhane Wallis

A Broadway classic that has delighted audiences for generations comes to the big screen with a new, contemporary vision. This modern telling captures the magic of the classic characters. Annie, a young, happy foster kid who's also tough enough to make her way on the streets of New York in 2014. Originally left by her parents as a baby with the promise that they'd be back for her someday, it's been a hard-knock life ever since.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 19% **Audience:** 86%

**Mystery/Drama**

## The Gambler

**Director.** Rupert Wyatt

**Stars.** Mark Wahlberg

Jim Bennett (Mark Wahlberg) is a risk taker. Both an English professor and a high-stakes gambler, Bennett bets it all when he borrows from a gangster (Michael Kenneth Williams) and offers his own life as collateral. Always one step ahead, Bennett pits his creditor against the operator of a gambling ring (Alvin Ing) and leaves his dysfunctional relationship with his wealthy mother.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 62% **Audience:** 94%

**Action/Comedy**

## Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

**Director.** Shawn Levy

**Stars.** Ben Stiller, Robin Williams

Get ready for the wildest and most adventure-filled Night At the Museum ever as Larry (Ben Stiller) spans the globe, uniting favourite and new characters while embarking on an epic quest to save the magic before it is gone forever.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
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**Ratings:** *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:* +

**Drama**

## Advanced Style

**Director.** Lina Plioplyte

**Stars.** Ari Seth Coen, Zelda Kaplan

Street style photographer Ari Seth Cohen and director Lina Plioplyte dive into the personal lives of New York City's most fashionable women over 60. In an industry obsessed with youth, these older women dispel conventional ideas about beauty and aging and prove that with age comes grace, confidence, boldness, flair and new, unimagined opportunities for fame and fortune.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 90% **Audience:** 75%

**Drama**

## Exodus: Gods and Kings

**Director.** Ridley Scott

**Stars.** Christian Bale, Ben Kingsley

From acclaimed director Ridley Scott (Gladiator, Prometheus) comes the epic adventure Exodus: Gods and Kings, the story of one man's daring courage to take on the might of an empire. Using state of the art visual effects and 3D immersion, Scott brings new life to the story of the defiant leader Moses (Christian Bale).

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 45% **Audience:** +96%

**Sci-Fi & Adventure**

## Interstellar

**Director.** Christopher Nolan

**Stars.** Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain

With our time on Earth coming to an end, a team of explorers undertakes the most important mission in human history; traveling beyond this galaxy to discover whether mankind has a future among the stars.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 74% **Audience:** +99%

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# Holiday Service Information

## Holiday Subway Service Schedule

### Thursday, December 25:

Subway starts at 9:00 a.m.

### Wednesday, December 31:

Most routes with Monday – Friday late-evening service extended until 4:00 a.m.

### New Year's Eve last subway times:

Line 1: north from Union Station at 3:30 a.m.
Line 2: east or west from Bloor-Yonge Station at 3:37 a.m.
Line 3: east from Kennedy Station at 4:07 a.m.
Line 4: east from Sheppard-Yonge Station at 3:58 a.m.

### Thursday, January 1:

Subway starts at 9:00 a.m.

## Holiday Bus/Streetcar Service Schedule

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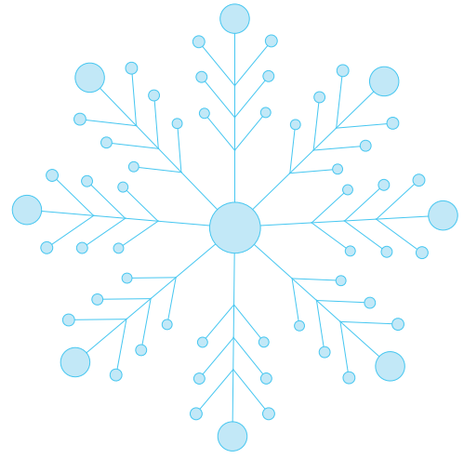

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## Bloor Hot Docs Cinema
## 506 Bloor St. W.

2014 Cannes Lions Awards: The World's Best Commercials (STC) Thu 4:30
Advanced Style (PG) Fri 4:30-6:30 Sat 2:45-7 Sun 3-5:15 Mon 6:30 Tue 2 Thu 7:15
Bad Santa (14A) Sat 9:15
A Christmas Story (PG) Sun 12:30
Closed for the Holiday (STC) Wed
Die Hard (18A) Tue 8:45
Elf (G) Tue 4
The Hebrew Hammer (14A) Mon 8:30
Home Alone: Quote Along (STC) Fri 9:30
Jodorowsky's Dune (PG) Thu 9:15
Love Actually (14A) Sun 7:30
Miracle on 34th Street (G) Sat 4:45
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG) Tue 6:30
White Christmas (PG) Sat 12

## Carlton, 20 Carlton St.

Annie (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-6:55-9:30
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Wed 1:50-4:10
Boyhood (14A) Fri-Thu 2
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Sat 11
Copenhagen (14A) Fri-Sat 4:15-9 Sun 9 Mon-Tue 4:15-9 Wed 4:15
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:30-7:45
Force Majeure (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-6:45
The Gambler (14A) Wed 7-9:30 Thu 1:40-4:10-7-9:30
Gone Girl (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:45-8
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Tue 9:30
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:45-8:10
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:25-7:10-9:20
Pride (14A) Fri-Tue 6:55
The Shortest Day (STC) Sun 3:30-5:30-7
Son of a Gun (14A) Fri-Thu 4:15-9:25
St. Vincent (14A) Fri-Sat 1:55-6:40 Sun 1:15 Mon-Tue 1:55-6:40 Wed 1:55
Top Five (18A) Wed 7:10-9:40 Thu 1:55-4:25-7:10-9:40
Whiplash (14A) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:35

## Scotiabank Theatre
## 259 Richmond St. W.

The Gambler (14A) Wed 7:10-9:50 Thu 11:40-2:30-5:10-7:55-10:50
Gone Girl (14A) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:55-6:20-10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Sat 11:20-2:40-6-9:20 Sun 11:25-2:40-6-9:20 Mon-Thu 11:20-2:40-6-9:20
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies -- An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri 3:40-7-10:20 Sat-Thu 12:20-3:40-7-10:20
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 Fri-Sat 11:50-1:40-2:10-3:10-5-5:30-6:30-8:20-8:50-9:50 Sun 11:55-1:40-2:10-3:10-5-5:30-6:30-8:20-8:50-9:50 Mon-Wed 11:50-1:40-2:10-3:10-5-5:30-6:30-8:20-8:50-9:50 Thu 11:50-1:20-2:10-3:10-4:40-5:30-6:30-8-8:50-9:50
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Tue 12-2:30-5:10-8:10-10:50 Wed 2-4:45-7:20-10 Thu 12:40-3:20-6-11:05
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 11:20-12:30-1:30-3:25-4:40-6:40-7:40-9:45-10:40 Sat 11:20-12:30-1:25-3:25-4:40-6:40-7:40-9:45-10:40 Sun 12:30-1:25-3:25-4:40-6:40-7:40-9:45-10:40 Mon-Tue 11:20-12:30-1:25-3:25-4:40-6:40-7:40-9:45-10:40 Wed 12:35-1:25-3:25-4:35-6:40-7:40-9:40-10:40 Thu 11:20-1-4-7:20-10:30
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Tue 11:30-3-6:50-10:30 Wed 11:30-3 Thu 11:30-3-6:40-10:10
John Wick (14A) Fri 11:40-2-4:30-7:10-9:35 Sat 11:20-2-4:25-7:10-9:35 Sun 11:30-2-4:25-7:10-9:35 Mon-Tue 11:40-2-4:25-7:10-9:35 Wed 11:20-1:50-4:20-6:45-9:10
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10 Sat 11:30-2:20-5-7:50-10:30 Sun 11:40-2:20-5-7:50-10:30 Mon-Wed 11:30-2:20-5-7:50-10:30 Thu 8:25-11:05
Top Five (18A) Fri 12:15-2:50-5:20-8-10:40 Sat-Tue 12:10-2:50-5:20-8-10:40 Wed 1:10-4 Thu 12-2:20-5:20-8-10:40
Unbroken (14A) Wed 7-10:10 Thu 11:30-12:30-2:50-3:50-6:15-7:10-9:35-10:30

## Market Square
## 80 Front St. E.

Annie (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:55-9:25
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Sat 12:25-3:30-6:40-9:40 Sun-Mon 3:30-9:40 Tue 12:25-3:30-6:40-9:40 Wed 3:30-9:40 Thu 12:25-3:30-6:40-9:40 Sun-Mon 12:25-6:40 Wed 12:25-6:40
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:45 Sat 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:45-10:25 Sun-Mon 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:45 Tue 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:45-10:25 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:45
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:20 Wed 12:40-3:40
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Tue 7
Into the Woods (PG) Wed 7-9:30 Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:50-7:05-9:35
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Wed 12:45-2:45-4:45
Unbroken (14A) Wed 7-9:50 Thu 3:40-4:03-7-9:50

## Revue Cinema
## 400 Roncesvalles Ave.

A Christmas Story (PG) Sat 2 Wed 4
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG) Sat 4
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri 9 Sat 7 Sun 9 Tue 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Thu
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sun 2 Mon 7 Sun 4
Whiplash (14A) Fri 7 Sat 9:30 Sun 7 Mon 9 Tue 9:30

## The Royal
## 608 College St..

Black Christmas (18A) Sat 7
Coopers' Christmas (STC) Sat 9:30
Gone Girl (14A) Mon-Tue 9:15
Gremlins (PG) Sat 2 Sun 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed-Thu
Riot (STC) Fri 9:30
Scrooged (PG) Fri 7 Sat 4
The Shortest Day (STC) Sun 2-4
St. Vincent (14A) Mon-Tue 7

## Varsity
## 55 Bloor St. W.,

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:25-9:15 Mon-Wed 12:50-3:30-6:20-9:10 Thu 1:20-4:25-7:15-9:55 Thu 1:10-4:10-7-10
Foxcatcher (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:35 Mon-Wed 1:20-4:10-7:15-10:10 Thu 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:30 Fri-Sun 1:05-4:05-7-10 Mon-Wed 1-3:55-7-9:50
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Mon-Wed 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:25 Thu 12:10-3:25-6:45-10:05
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:25 Mon-Wed 12:40-3:30-6:25-9:15
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-1:50-4-4:40-6:50-7:30-9:45-10:20 Thu 1:05-1:50-4-4:40-6:50-7:30-9:45-10:20 Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:10-9
Inherent Vice (14A) Thu 12:20-3:45-7:10-10:45
Mr. Turner (14A) Thu 12:05-3:35-7-10:30
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:55-6:55-9:50 Mon-Wed 1-3:50-6:45-9:35 Thu 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40 Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Wed 12:45-3:35-6:30-9:20
Wild (18A) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:40-10:35 Mon-Wed 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:25 Thu 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:35 Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15 Mon-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:05 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15

## Canada Square
## 2200 Yonge St.

Annie (PG) Fri 3:50-6:30-9:10 Sat-Tue 1-3:50-6:30-9:10 Wed 1-3:50-6:30 Thu 4:20-7-9:40
Big Eyes (PG) Thu 4:30-7-9:30
Big Hero 6 (PG) Thu 3:50-6:30-9:10
Citizenfour (PG) Fri 4:20-7-9:40 Sat-Tue 1:40-4:20-7-9:40 Wed 1:40-4:20-7
Foxcatcher (14A) Thu 3:40-6:40-9:40
The Gambler (14A) Thu 4:40-7:20-10
Gemma Bovery (14A) Fri 4:30-7:20-9:50 Sat-Tue 1:50-4:30-7:20-9:50 Wed 1:50-4:30-6:50
Gone Girl (14A) Fri 3:40-6:50-9:50 Sat-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:50 Wed 12:30-3:40-6:50
Interstellar (PG) Thu 5-8:30
The Judge (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:40 Sat-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Wed 12:40-3:40-6:40
Rosewater (14A) Fri 4:40-7:10-9:30 Sat-Tue 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30 Wed 2:10-4:40-7:10
St. Vincent (14A) Fri 4:30-7-9:20 Sat-Tue 2-4:30-7-9:20 Wed 2-4:30-7
The Theory of Everything (PG) Thu 4-6:50-9:50
Whiplash (14A) Fri 4:50-7:30-10 Sat-Tue 2:20-4:50-7:30-10 Wed 2:10-4:50-7:20 Thu 4:50-7:30-10

## Mt. Pleasant Theatre
## 675 Mt.Pleasant Rd.

Force Majeure (14A) Fri-Sat 9:20 Sun 7
My Old Lady (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat 4:20 Sun 4:30 Tue 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed-Thu
Zero Motivation (14A) Sat 7 Sun 2:10 Mon 7

## Regent Theatre
## 551 Mt.Pleasant Rd.

Boyhood (14A) Sat-Sun 3:45
Copenhagen (14A) Fri-Sat 9 Sun 7 Mon-Tue 8:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed-Thu
St. Vincent (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 1:45 Mon-Tue 6:30

## Yonge-Eglinton Centre
## 2300 Yonge St.

Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 12:30 Sat-Wed 12:50
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 7 Wed 6:45
Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Thu 4
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-7:20-10:40 Wed 12:40-7:20 Thu 12:40-7:20-10:40
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Thu 3:10-6:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12-9:50 Wed 12 Thu 12-9:50 Fri 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:10-7:30-10:50 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Wed 12:30-3:50-7:10 Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Tue 3:40-9:45 Wed 3:40
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:10-3:30-6:45-10 Sat-Tue 12:20-3:30-6:45-10 Wed 12:20-3:30 Thu 12-3:30-6:40-9:40-10:05
The Imitation Game (PG) Thu 1-4:10-6:50-10:10
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Sat 2:20-6:20-10:15 Sun 6:20-10:15 Mon-Tue 2:20-6:20-10:15 Wed 2:20
Into the Woods (PG) Wed 7 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20 Wed 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50 Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Thu 12:10
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Tue 2:55-5:20-7:45-10:05 Wed-Thu 2:55-5:20-7:45
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Wed 1:30-4:30
Unbroken (14A) Wed 7:30 Thu 12:25-3:40-7-10:20

## Yonge & Dundas 24
## 10 Dundas St East

Annie (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Back in Time (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-5:10-7:55-10:40
Big Eyes (PG) Thu 12:40-3:20-5:55-8:30-11:05
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 12 Sat-Sun 11:55 Mon-Thu 12
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri 2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Sat-Sun 2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:20-8-10:40
Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:55-5:40-8:25-11:10
Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (STC) Sun 12:55
Dear White People (14A) Fri 12:20-3-5:35-8:10-11:05 Sat-Sun 11:55-3-5:35-8:10-11:05 Mon-Wed 12:20-3-5:35-8:10-11:05
Die Hard (18A) Fri 8 Sat 9 Sun 9:45 Mon 10 Tue 9 Wed 8:45
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:20-5:55-8:35-11:10
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:15-7:45
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:15 Fri-Wed 12:30-4:20-7:50-11:15 Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
Exodus: Gods and Kings An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
Foxcatcher (14A) Fri-Wed 1:40-4:55-8-10:55
Fury (14A) Fri-Wed 1:45-4:45-7:50-11
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Wed 12-2:30-3:45-6:30-7:30-10-11 Thu 12:30-2-4-6-7:30-9:30-11
Home Alone (PG) Fri 12:30-3-5:30 Sat 6:30 Sun 7:30 Mon 3:45 Tue 6:30 Wed 3:30
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4-7-10:30
The Imitation Game (PG) Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Thu 12:15-3:15-6:30-10
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Into the Woods (PG) Wed 7-10:15 Thu 12:45-1:45-3:45-4:45-6:45-7:45-9:45-10:45 Thu 1-4:30-8-11:30
It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 12:30-3:30 Sun 4:30 Mon 12:30-7 Tue 12:30-3:30 Wed 12:30-6 Thu 12:30-5:45
Love on the Cloud (STC) Wed-Thu 12:35-3:05-5:30-8:05-10:50
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri 2:50-5:45-11:05 Sat-Sun 2:25-5-10:25 Mon-Wed 2:50-5:45-11:05
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG) Thu 3:30-8:30
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:50-7:35-9:20-10:20
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Tue 12:45 Wed 1:15 Thu 12:20
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PK (STC) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:35-7:05-10:35
St. Vincent (14A) Fri 12:05-8:30 Sat-Sun 11:55-7:40 Mon-Wed 12:05-8:30
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:10-6:05-9:05
Wild (18A) Thu 1:55-4:55-7:50-10:55
Women Who Flirt (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:10-5:30-8:05-10:50

## TIFF Bell Lightbox
## 350 King St. West

2001: A Space Odyssey (PG) Fri 6:15 Tue 1 Thu 7:15
3x3D (14A) Sun 3:30
8 1/2 (R) Thu 7
Adieu au Langage (18A) Mon 7
Barry Lyndon (14A) Mon 3
Cathedrals of Culture: Part I (G) Fri 12:30-7 Sat-Wed 12:30-7:15
Cathedrals of Culture: Part II (G) Fri 2:30-9 Sat-Wed 2:30-9:15
Citizenfour (PG) Fri 12:10-2:50-6:40-9:40 Sat 12:10-2:50-6-9:20 Sun 12:10-3:10-5:50-9 Mon 12:10-2:45-6:45-9 Tue 12:10-4:05-6:45-9:30 Wed 12:10-2:50-6-9 Thu 2:30-10:10
A Clockwork Orange (18A) Sat 6:15
Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (PG) Wed 4:30
Dracula: Dead and Loving It (PG) Sat 9:30
Elf (G) Sun 1
Empire Records (PG) Fri 9:30
Eyes Wide Shut (R) Wed 7
Force Majeure (14A) Fri 4:25-8:45 Sat 4:30-8:45 Sun 12:30-8:45 Mon 12:20-3:15-4:30-9:25 Tue 12:20-4:30-8:45 Wed 4:40-8:50 Thu 7:25
France/Tour/Detour/Deux Enfants (PG) Sat 1
Full Metal Jacket (14A) Thu 10
Goha (PG) Thu 1:15
Killer's Kiss (PG) Tue 4:15
The Killing (PG) Tue 6:15
Lolita (14A) Wed 1
Moments Choisis des Histoire(s) du Cinema (18A) Sat 4
Mr. Turner (14A) Thu 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40
Only Angels Have Wings (PG) Thu 4
Out for Justice (18A) Tue 9
Scrooged (PG) Sat 1
Song of the Sea (PG) Fri 12-2:40-6:25-9:15 Sat 12-2:40-6:25-9 Sun-Mon 12-2:15-6:15-8:30 Tue 12-2:50-6:25-9:10 Wed 12-2:40-6:15-8:30 Thu 12-2:20-6:15-8:35
Spartacus (14A) Sun 6
Zero Motivation (14A) Fri 12:20-3-6:15 Sat 12:20-3-6:05 Sun 3:20-6 Mon 4:40-8:45 Tue 3-6 Wed 12:20-3-6:30 Thu 12:15-5:10

## Albion Cinemas
## 1530 Albion Rd.

Action Jackson (14A) Fri-Thu 9:25
Chaar Sahibzaade (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:35
Lingaa (PG) Fri-Thu 3-6:30-9:55

## Queensway
## 1025 The Queensway

Annie (PG) Fri 1:10-4-7:10-10:15 Sat 11:25-1:10-4-7:10-10:15 Sun 11:50-1:10-4-7:10-10:15 Mon-Tue 12:35-3:30-6:50-9:45 Wed 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:35 Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Big Eyes (PG) Thu 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:20
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 1:40 Sat 11 Sun 1:40 Mon-Tue 12:55 Wed 12:20 Thu 12
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri 4:20-7 Sat 1:40-4:20-7 Sun 4:20-7 Mon-Tue 3:40-6:40 Wed 3:20-6:10
Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri 3:20-6:40-10 Sat 11:10-3:20-6:40-10 Sun 11:55-3:20-6:40-10 Mon 3-6:20-9:40 Tue 3-6:20-9:35 Wed 12:50-4 Thu 11:40
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:20-7:40-11 Mon-Tue 12:45-4-7:20-10:35 Wed 2:55-6:20-9:40 Thu 3-6:20-9:45 Fri 3-6:30-10 Sat-Sun 11:30-3-6:30-10 Mon-Wed 3-6:30-10 Thu 2:30-6:30-10
Fred Claus (PG) Sat 11
The Gambler (14A) Wed 7:50-10:35 Thu 2-4:50-7:40-10:35
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri 2:50-6:10-9:30 Sat 11:30-2:50-6:10-9:30 Sun 2:50-6:10-9:30 Mon-Wed 2:10-5:50-9:10 Thu 2:30-6:30-10 Fri 2:30-6-7-9:30 Sat-Wed 2:30-6-9:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Wed 12:25-3:50-7:10-10:30 Thu 11:50-3:10-6:40-10:05 Fri-Sat 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:10 Sun 12-3:30-6:50-10:10 Mon-Wed 3:10-6:30-9:50 Thu 12:30-4-7:30-10:55 Fri 3:30-10:40 Sat 12-3:30-7-10:40 Sun 12-3:30-7-10:30 Mon-Wed 3:30-7-10:30 Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 12:15-3-5:45-8:20-10:55 Sat 2-4:50-8:20-10:55 Sun 3-5:45-8:20-10:55 Mon-Tue 2:40-5:20-8-10:35 Wed 2:40-5:20 Thu 1:50-8:20-11
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:35-3:40-6:30-9:40 Sat 12:20-3:40-6:30-9:40 Sun 12:30-3:40-6:30-9:40 Mon-Tue 12:25-3:20-6:10-9:05 Wed 1:35-4:30 Thu 2:50-6:10-9:10 Fri 3-6:30-10 Sat-Sun 11:30-3-6:30-10 Mon-Wed 3-6:30-10 Thu 2-5:30-9
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:20 Sat 11-1:50-4:30-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:20 Mon-Tue 1:20-4:10-7-9:55 Wed 12:35-3:30-6:50-9:45 Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:55 Fri 4:30-7:40-11:10 Sat 1-4:30-7:40-11:10 Sun 1-4:30-7:40-11 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:40-11 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:40-11
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Sun 2:30-6:20-10:05 Mon 2:50-10:10 Tue 1:05-4:50-8:30 Wed 1:10-4:55-8:45 Thu 2:15-4:40-6-10
Into the Woods (PG) Wed 7:25-10:25 Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:25
It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 12:30 Mon 7 Wed 12:30
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri 12:15-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25 Sat 12-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25 Sun 12:10-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25 Mon-Wed 12:40-2:20-5-7:30-10 Thu 11:55-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Sun 12:40 Mon 12:50 Tue 12:20 Wed 2 Thu 12:10
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Sun 3:10-5:35-8-10:30 Mon-Tue 2-4:40-7:40-10:05 Wed 4:40-7:40-10:05 Thu 2:40-5:30-8
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri-Sun 9:50 Mon-Tue 9:25 Wed 8:55
Top Five (18A) Fri-Sat 2:20-5:25-8:10-10:45 Sun 12:05-2:20-5:25-8:10-10:45 Mon-Tue 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:20 Wed 2:30-5:10-8-10:30 Thu 10:40
Unbroken (14A) Wed 7:20-10:35 Thu 12:20-3:40-7-10:15
Wild (18A) Fri 12:25-2:10-5:05-7:55-10:40 Sat 11:20-2:10-5:05-7:55-10:40 Sun 12:20-4:50-7:55-10:40 Mon-Tue 1:45-4:30-7:35-10:25 Wed 12:15-4:10-6:45-9:30 Thu 2:10-5-8:05-10:50

## Woodbine Centre
## 500 Rexdale Blvd.

Annie (PG) Fri-Tue 1-3:50-6:35-9:15 Wed 1-3:50-6:35 Thu 3:50-6:35-9:15
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-4
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:55-7:15 Thu 3:55-7:15
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed 12:30-3:30-6:30 Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Tue 6:40-9:35
Into the Woods (PG) Wed 7 Thu 4-7-9:45
Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) Sat 11
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:25 Wed 12:15-2:30-4:50-7:10 Thu 4:50-7:10-9:25
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Tue 12:25-2:35-4:45-7-9:20 Wed 12:25-2:35-4:45
Top Five (18A) Fri-Tue 1:05-4:15-7:05-9:40 Wed 1:05-4:15-7:05 Thu 4:15-7:05-9:40
Unbroken (14A) Wed 7 Thu 3:45-6:40-9:35

### Kingsway Theatre
### 3030 Bloor St. West

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared (14A) Sat 3:30 Mon 3:30 Wed 3:30
Awake: The Life of Yogananda (G) Fri-Thu 6:15
Boyhood (14A) Sat 12:45 Mon 12:45 Wed 12:45
Copenhagen (14A) Fri-Thu 5:30
Fitzwilly (STC) Fri-Thu 11
Force Majeure (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-9:15
The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) Fri 12:45 Sun 12:45 Tue 12:45 Thu 12:45
My Old Lady (PG) Fri-Thu 11-4:35
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri-Sat 7:15-11 Sun-Thu 7:15 Pride (14A) Fri 3:30 Sun 3:30 Tue 3:30 Thu 3:30 Whiplash (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
Zero Motivation (14A) Fri-Thu 2:45-7:40

### Humber Cinema
### 2442 Bloor St. West

Annie (PG) Fri 3:35-6:50-9:45 Sat-Tue 1-3:35-6:50-9:45 Wed 1-3:35-6:50 Thu 3:35-6:30-9:25
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri 3:25-6:30-9:25 Sat-Tue 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:25 Wed 12:30-3:25-6:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:35 Sat-Tue 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:35 Wed 12:45-3:45-6:40 Thu 3:45-6:40-9:35
Into the Woods (PG) Thu 4:10-6:50-9:45
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Tue 1:30-4-7-9:15 Wed 1:30-4-7 Thu 4-7-9:15

### Beach Cinemas
### 1651 Queen St. E.,

Big Eyes (PG) Thu 4-7:30-10:10
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:15 Sat-Tue 1-3:50-6:40-9:15 Wed 1-3:50-6:40
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri 3:40-7-10:20 Sat-Tue 12:15-3:40-7-10:20 Wed 12:15-3:40-7 Thu 3:20-7:15-10:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri 3:30-6:50-10 Sat-Tue 12-3:30-6:50-10 Wed 12-3:30-6:50 Thu 3:30-6:45-10
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 4-7:20-10:10 Sat-Tue 12:40-4-7:20-10:10 Wed 12:40-4-7:20 Thu 6:30-9:30
Into the Woods (PG) Thu 3:45-7-9:50
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri 4:15-7:10-9:40 Sat-Tue 1:15-4:15-7:10-9:40 Wed 1:15-4:15-7:10 Thu 4:45-7:45-10:20
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Sat-Wed 12:30 Thu 4:15
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 4:30-7:30-9:50 Sat-Tue 2:45-5-7:30-9:50 Wed 2:45-5-7:30

### Fox Theatre
### 2236 Queen St. E.

Closed for the Holiday (STC) Wed-Thu
Elf (G) Sat 2
Force Majeure (14A) Fri 9:15 Sat 9:30 Sun 9:15 Tue 7
The Judge (14A) Sat 6:45 Sun 4 Mon 6:45 Tue 9:15
This Is Where I Leave You (14A) Fri 7 Sat 4 Sun-Mon 9:30
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1:30

### Empress Walk
### 5095 Yonge St.,

Big Eyes (PG) Thu 11:40-2:25-4:55-7:25-9:55
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Wed 12:05-2:35-7:40
Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (STC) Sun 12:55 Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Thu 4
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-7:20-10:35 Wed 12:40-7:20 Thu 12:20-7:20-10:35
Foxcatcher (14A) Thu 12:35-3:45-6:55-10:25
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Wed 3:20-6:45 Thu 3:20-6:40
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies -- An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Sat 7:30 Sun 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 Mon-Tue 7:30 Wed 12:50-4:10-7:30 Thu 12:50-4:10-7:35-10:55 Fri-Sat 12:50-4:10-10:50 Mon-Tue 12:50-4:10-10:50
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12-10 Sun 12:15-10 Mon-Tue 12-10 Wed 12 Thu 12-10
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Tue 5:05-10:15 Wed 5:05
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:20-7:10-9:55 Wed 1:15-4:20-7:10
The Imitation Game (PG) Thu 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:45
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Tue 2:45-6:30-10:05 Wed 2:45-6:30
Into the Woods (PG) Thu 11:20-2:05-5-7:55-10:50
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:25 Wed 12:20-2:55-5:20-7:50 Thu 11-1:25-4:45-7:45-10:10
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Wed 12:30-2
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Tue 4:30-6:55-9:30 Wed 4:30-6:55
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri-Sat 1-3:50-7-9:45 Sun 3:50-7-9:45 Mon-Tue 1-3:50-7-9:45 Wed 1-3:50-7
Unbroken (14A) Thu 11:55-3:55-7-10:15
Wild (18A) Fri-Sat 1:30-5-8-10:45 Sun 1-5-8-10:45 Mon-Tue 1:30-5-8-10:45 Wed 1:30-5-8 Thu 11:30-2:15-5:10-8:05-10:40

### SilverCity Yorkdale 6
### 3401 Dufferin St.

Annie (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-7-10 Mon-Tue 1:15-4:20-7:20-10 Wed 1-4-7:20 Thu 1-3:50-7-10 Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Sun 4 Mon-Wed 3:40 Thu 4
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-7:20-10:40 Mon-Tue 12:20-7-10:20 Wed 12:20-7:30 Thu 12:40-7:20-10:40
Fred Claus (PG) Sat 11
The Gambler (14A) Wed 7 Thu 1:50-4:30-7:40-10:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:50-6:10 Mon-Wed 12-3:15-6:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 9:30 Mon-Tue 9:50 Wed 12:30-3:50-7:10 Thu 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Wed 1:15-4:30-7:50 Thu 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:10 Fri-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:10 Mon-Tue 2-5:30-9
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Sun 9:20 Mon-Tue 9:10 Thu 9:30
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Tue 12:50-4-6:50-9:40 Wed 12:50-4-6:50 Thu 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:40
Interstellar (PG) Fri 12:20 Sat 1:30 Sun 12:20 Mon-Tue 1 Wed 12:40 Thu 12:20
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri 12-1:40-2:30-4:20-5:10-7:10-7:50-9:50-10:30 Sat 11:15-12-1:40-2:30-4:20-5:10-7:10-7:50-9:50-10:30 Sun 12-1:40-2:30-4:20-5:10-7:10-7:50-9:50-10:30 Mon-Tue 12:10-1:30-2:40-4:10-5:10-6:40-7:40-9:30-10:10 Wed 12:10-1:30-2:40-4:10-5:10-6:40-7:40 Thu 12-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:20
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 11:40 Sat 11:45-1:50 Sun 11:40-1:50 Mon-Wed 12:40 Thu 11:50-2:10 Fri 2
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Sun 4:30-7 Mon-Tue 3:30-6:15 Wed 3:30 Thu 4:40-7:10
Top Five (18A) Fri 4:40-7:40-10:20 Sat 5-7:40-10:20 Sun 4:40-7:40-10:20 Mon-Tue 4:40-7:30-10:10 Wed 4:20 Thu 4:20-7:10-9:50

### Silvercity Fairview
### 1800 Sheppard Ace. E.

Annie (PG) Fri-Sat 11-1:50-4:50-7:40-10:30 Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:30 Mon-Tue 11-1:50-4:50-7:40-10:30 Wed 11-1:50-4:50-7:40 Thu 11-1:50-4:50-7:40-10:30
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sun 11:20-2 Mon 11:20-1:55 Tue-Thu 11:20-2
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 7:20 Tue-Wed 7:20 Thu 7:25
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Thu 3:20
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12-6:50-10:15 Wed 12-6:50 Thu 12-6:40-10
Fred Claus (PG) Sat 11
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Wed 3-6:20 Thu 3:10-6:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 11:40-12:30-3:50-7:10-9:40-10:25 Wed 11:40-12:30-3:50-7:10 Thu 11:50-12:30-3:50-7:10-9:45-10:25
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Sun 4:40-10 Mon 4:25-10 Tue 4:40-10 Wed 4:40 Thu 4:40-10:15
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:40-4-7-9:50 Sat 4-7-9:50 Sun-Tue 12:40-4-7-9:50 Wed 4-7 Thu 1:10-4:15-7-9:50
Interstellar (PG) Fri 11:10-2:50-6:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 2:50-6:30-10:05 Mon-Tue 11:10-2:50-6:30-10:05 Wed 11:10-2:50-6:30
Into the Woods (PG) Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 12:30 Mon 7 Wed 12:30
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Sat 11:50-2:30-5-7:30-9:55 Sun 12:20-2:30-5-7:30-9:55 Mon-Tue 11:50-2:30-5-7:30-9:55 Wed 11:50-2:30-5-7:30 Thu 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-9:55
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Sat 11:30-2:10 Sun 2:10 Mon-Wed 11:30-2:10
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Tue 4:30-6:55-9:30 Wed 4:30-6:55
Unbroken (14A) Thu 12:20-3:40-6:50-10:10

### Coliseum Scarborough
### 300 Borough Dr.

Annie (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:35-7:25-10:25
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 1:15 Sat 11:05 Sun-Wed 1:15 Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri 4-7:20 Sat 1:50-4:35-7:20 Sun-Wed 4-7:20
Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (STC) Sun 12:55 Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri 3:55 Sat 3:50 Sun-Thu 3:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri 12:35-7:15-10:35 Sat 12:15-7:15-10:35 Sun-Thu 12:35-7:15-10:35
Fred Claus (PG) Sat 11
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri 2:50-6:10 Sat 11:30-2:50-6:10 Sun 2:50-6:10 Mon-Wed 2:30-5:50 Thu 12:10-3:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Fri-Sat 12:10-3:30-6:50-9:30-10:10 Sun 3:30-6:50-9:30-10:10 Mon-Wed 3:10-6:30-9:10-9:50 Thu 6:50-10:10
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Sat 1-3:45-10:15 Sun 4:20-10:45 Mon-Wed 1-3:45-10:10 Thu 1-3:45-10:15
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Wed 1:05-4:05-7-10:05 Thu 3:25-6:45-9:45
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Sat 6:30-10 Sun 7-10 Mon-Wed 6:25-10 Thu 6:30
Into the Woods (PG) Thu 12:50-4-6:55-9:55
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20 Sat 12-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:20 Sun-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 1:30 Sat 1:45 Sun-Wed 1:30 Thu 12:55
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Wed 4:15-6:45-9:15
PK (STC) Fri 12:15-3:40-7:05-10:30 Sat 11:45-3:15-7:05-10:30 Sun-Thu 12:15-3:40-7:05-10:30
Top Five (18A) Fri 2-4:40-7:35-10:15 Sat 11:20-2-4:40-7:35-10:15 Sun-Wed 2-4:40-7:35-10:15 Thu 2-4:40-7:20-10
Unbroken (14A) Thu 12:20-3:35-7-10:05

### Eglinton Town Centre
### 1901 Eglinton Ave. E.

Annie (PG) Fri 12:20-1:45-4:40-7:30-10:20 Sat 11:40 Sun 12:15-1:45-4:40-7:30-10:20 Mon 12:45-1:45-4:40-7:30-10:20 Tue 12:15-1:45-4:40-7:30-10:20 Wed 1:25-4:20-6:40-9:35 Thu 1:50-4:45-7:40-10:30 Sat 1:45-4:40-7:30-10:20
Big Eyes (PG) Thu 1:40-4:20-7-9:40
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 12:15-2:25 Sat 11:45-2:25 Sun-Wed 12:15-2:25 Thu 11:30-2:15
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Wed 5:10-7:50 Thu 5:05-7:45
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Wed 10:30
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri 3:15-6:35-10 Sat 12:35-3:50-7:15-10:40 Sun 3:10-6:35-10 Mon 3:40-6:35-10:05 Tue 3:10-6:35-10 Wed 12:35-3:50 Thu 4-7:20
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri 12:30-3:50-7:15-10:40 Sat 11:50-3:10-6:35-10 Sun-Tue 12:30-3:50-7:15-10:40 Wed 11:55-3:15-6:40-10:05 Thu 12:40-10:40
Fred Claus (PG) Sat 11
The Gambler (14A) Wed 7:15-10 Thu 11:40-2:25-5:10-8-10:50
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:50
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri 2:50-6:10-9:30 Sat 11:30-2:50-6:10-9:30 Sun-Wed 2:50-6:10-9:30 Thu 11:30-12:10-2:50-6:10-9:30-10:10 Fri-Wed 12:10-10:10 Fri-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 12-2:45-5:25-8:10-10:50 Sat 4-6:55-9:50 Sun 12-2:45-5:25-8:10-10:50 Mon 1-3:45-10 Tue 12-2:45-5:25-8:10-10:50 Wed 4
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:35 Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
The Imitation Game (PG) Thu 11:35-2:10-5-7:55-10:45
Interstellar (PG) Fri 3-6:45-10:30 Sat 11:15-2:50-6:30-10:15 Sun-Wed 3-6:45-10:30 Thu 10:25
Into the Woods (PG) Wed 7:15-10:15 Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 12:30 Mon 7 Wed 12:30
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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Cameron Diaz ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

# Joel not sure Benji and Diaz are a match Madden in heaven

Cameron Diaz and heavily tattooed Good Charlotte twin Benji Madden have been dating since May, but apparently that's long enough to know he's a keeper because a source tells the National Enquirer that Diaz and Madden are "planning their wedding for early in the new year. They've been telling close friends in recent weeks about their plans, but it's very hush-hush." Well, I mean, it was very hush-hush until now. Way to go, anonymous source.

Not everyone is thrilled, though, chief among them Benji's twin brother, Joel, who "actually likes Cameron a lot and thinks they're a good match, but he doesn't want Benji to rush into something so quickly."

Which is fair. I mean, has she even been around them long enough to conclusively tell them apart? Twins are hard, man. Also, I feel like there's a whole vault of quotes from Diaz about marriage and family that could be dug up for this.

Like 2012, when she told Esquire marriage "just wasn't the thing I was drawn to." Or how about two months ago, when she told Marie Clare, "I'm not looking for a husband or marriage or not looking for that stuff. I'm living, not thinking what I should or shouldn't be doing with my life." What a difference Thanksgiving makes.

# Funny or Die sweetens the podcast with Serial send-up

Did the finale of Serial not give you the satisfaction you were looking for? Funny or Die has you covered. The humour site taps into the obsession built up around the This American Life podcast and its highly anticipated conclusion.

Michaela Watkins plays Serial host Sarah Koenig as she dodges eager fans and scrambles to come up with a satisfying resolution before finally snapping:

"What do you want? I do a podcast! It was supposed to be for four people. Do you think if I thought this was going to be anything I would have MailChimp sponsor us?" she rants. "What do you want to know? Do you want to know who did it? Fine. It was me! I did it!" Well, I don't think anyone saw that coming.

Michaela Watkins

# Rock says Tinseltown is terrified after Sony hack

The whole Sony hacking scandal has the entertainment industry on edge, at least according to Chris Rock.

"This whole thing is just scary. It's emails, it's your private stuff. And the whole town is scared. Nobody knows what to do," Rock said during a Q&A with David Carr.

It's worth noting that Scott Rudin — who has come under fire because of leaked emails between him and Amy Pascal about Angelina Jolie and President Obama — is a producer on Top Five, Rock's new film.

"Read my emails," Rock says, responding to whether he himself is worried. "I say offensive things for a living."

Chris Rock

# Smash brings magic back, but who's the Bombshell?

Fans of the cancelled NBC Broadway musical drama Smash will get a chance to revisit some of the show's magic next year when the Actors Fund hosts a one-night-only benefit performance of songs from Bombshell, the Marilyn Monroe musical featured in the show.

A similar one-off concert performance of the series' other musical, Hit List, took place last year.

Tickets for the Bombshell performance will go on sale in early 2015, with the event taking place in June.

No word, though, on whether it will be Katharine McPhee or Megan Hilty playing Marilyn.

A girl's got to have some secrets, right?

Katharine McPhee

Ansel Elgort

# Elgort is so freaking hetero — honest!

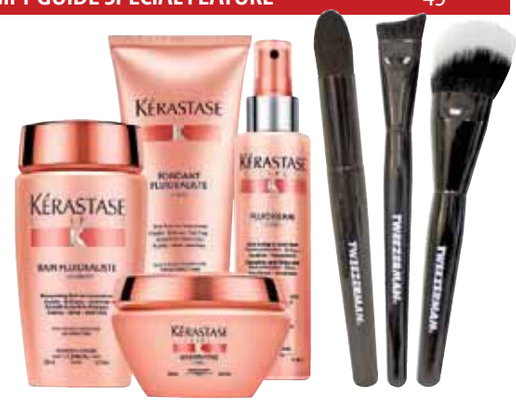
Fault in our Stars star Ansel Elgort is apparently worried you might have heard some rumours about him or maybe made some assumptions of your own about his sexuality. But just for the record, he's totally not gay. The 20-year-old took to Twitter to announce, "Just in case it isn't clear ... I like girls. A lot." I'm sure the tweet was meant to come off as endearing, but that "a lot" at the end just makes him seem a bit ... desperate. But he did at least follow up with a nice message about acceptance, insisting that "If I was gay, I wouldn't hide it."

# Squee! Neil Patrick Harris' video of his kids is adorable

Stars. They're just like us. In that they have iPhones and find their children ridiculously adorable. Neil Patrick Harris, for example, posted a video on Instagram of his four-year-old twins, Gideon and Harper, singing Jingle Bells while decorating their Christmas tree. So if you're into that sort of thing, go watch the children of someone you don't actually know being all cute and festive.

Neil Patrick Harris

# Beauty is in the eye of the holiday shopper




**Help your gal get all dolled up.** Check out these get-more-gorgeous gifts for her

JANINE FALCON
For Metro

**Conair InfinitiPro 3Q Hair Dryer**
Quick and quiet, this dryer delivers a super-fast pro-quality dry job with less damage, and lower heat. $129 at Target, target.ca; Walmart, walmart.ca; and major drugstores.

**Kerastase Discipline**
This at-home regimen supports a salon treatment that cuts down on frizz, blow-dry effort and time. From $40, kerastase.ca.

**Fresh Dare to Bare Lip Ritual Set**
Kiss dry lips goodbye with lip scrub, conditioning lip serum, balms and moisturizing shine treatment. $53 at Sephora, sephora.com.

**NARS Virtual Domination Blush & Bronzer Palette**
Four flattering powder blushes plus the popular Laguna bronzer. $75 at Sephora, sephora.com.

**Tweezerman Brush iQ Makeup Brushes**
These handsome tools feature soft, synthetic bristles made of DuPont filaments. $24 to $85 at tweezerman.ca.

**YSL Palette Collector Wild Edition**
This covetable palette houses shades for eyes, cheeks and lips. $100 at Hudson's Bay, thebay.com; Sephora, sephora.com; and Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com.

**Facial Cleansing Brushes**
New facial cleansing systems are gentle on skin and kind to the wallet, too. Clinique, $95 at Hudson's Bay, thebay.com; Philips PureRadiance, $149.99 at London Drugs, londondrugs.com.

**Birchbox Canada**
Finally here, this respected e-tailer curates prestige, niche and up-and-coming beauty brands, and introduces them via personalized sample boxes. Three-month subscription, $44.85 flat rate at birchbox.ca.

**Crabtree & Evelyn Sensational Six Hand Therapy Musical Tin**
Six popular purse-size hand creams in a keepsake tin that plays Sleigh Ride. $35 at Crabtree & Evelyn, crabtree-evelyn.ca.

**Shupette Karl Lagerfeld for Shu Uemura**
This creamy-powder Silk Cushion Cheek colour playfully spotlights Lagerfeld's pampered kitty, Shupette. $35 at Hudson's Bay, the bay.com; and Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com.

*Top, from left: Kerastase Discipline; Tweezerman Brush iQ Makeup Brushes; bottom, Crabtree & Evelyn Sensational Six Hand Therapy Musical Tin.*

**Correction**

The SousVide Supreme was incorrectly identified in last week's gift guide. Metro apologizes for the error.

# Well, hello there, handsome man

**Grooming gifts.** Great skin and hair products for the guy in your life

**Foreo Luna for Men**
This sonic, waterproof, medical-grade silicone device delivers deep cleansing, skin conditioning, and facial massaging in just one minute. $229 at Murale, murale.ca.

**Braun Series 5 Shaver**
This electric razor boasts 20 per cent more power than previous editions for more efficient results. From $189 at drug, specialty, and mass retailers.

**Kent MG3NSM Military Brush**
This hairbrush is made with shine-enhancing natural black bristles set in an oval beechwood base. $30 at menessentials.ca.

**Philips Hair Clipper Series 700**
This rechargeable unit has titanium blades, adjustable beard/hair combs and is double the speed of its predecessors. From $49.99 at Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca; Walmart, walmart.ca; and Loblaws, loblaws.ca.

**Dr. Roebucks Body & Handwash**
This niche natural brand features doctor-developed formulas suitable for sensitive skin. $18.95 at Murale, murale.ca.

**Skyn Iceland Hydro Cool Firming Face Gels**
Dosed with peptides and hydration boosters, these 10-minute-fix transdermal face patches soften forehead furrows and smile brackets. $38.50 for an eight-pack at Shoppers Drug Mart, shoppersdrugmart.com; and Murale, murale.ca.

**Hermès Hermessence in Cuir D'Ange**
Not your typical scent of smoky leather notes, this eau de toilette evokes "light, supple leather to clothe and shoe a winged god." $260 at Hermès, canada-en.hermes.com.

JANINE FALCON/FOR METRO

*Braun Series 5 Shaver*

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# Make scents for the holidays

## Perfume and cologne.
Top picks for 2014 holiday gift giving

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

The gift of fragrance is the perfect choice for the holiday season. It's intensely personal — "every time you wear a scent, you're reminded of the person who gave it to you," said Lee-Ann Hodgekins, theperfume-expert.com founder.

"Scent is also one of the strongest links to memory, reminding us of special moments and fond times."

**SEASONAL**

If choosing a fragrance gift for that special someone this holiday season seems daunting, consider this one simple tip: Use the hints of the season and environment around you. "Think about the fiery colours of the harvest, the crisp cool air, the dry woods and roaring fires," Hodgekins said.

"Also, think about the typical foods at this time of year: Dark berries, festive citrus, smooth caramels, toasted nuts, warming spices, and sweet intoxicating elixirs."

Here are some top trends and favourite fragrances for this holiday season:

Rose is always popular — this year's rose scents are deeper and richer. "Combined with deep woods, smoky nuances and decadent delights, these rose fragrances are ultra-alluring and perfect for those who love traditional scents, but also appreciate the more sexy and mysterious notes of perfume," Hodgekins said.

**Lee-Ann's picks:**

• **Aerin Lauder's Evening Rose** Combined with dark berries and smoky incense, this rose scent is the perfect romantic fragrance for winter, $125.

• **The Body Shop's White Musk Smoky Rose** is a new twist on classic rose with hints of dry tobacco and comforting musk, $17-$25.

• **Chanel's Egoïste (for men)** Rich rose paired with masculine notes of peppery spices and dry woods, $103.

• **Paco Rabanne's 1 million (for men):** Romantic rose with spicy cinnamon, vibrant orange, rich leather, and deep woods, $66-$88.

**FRUITY**

Fruit for winter — dark, lush fruits prevail over citrus and tropical scents of summer. "Notes of dark cherries, blackberries or plums are great for those who don't like heady florals or prefer more natural and earthy scents," Hodgekins said.

**Lee-Ann's picks:**

• **Coco Figue by Comptoir Sud Pacifique** A scrumptious mix of sweet fig, smooth vanilla and almond, $44.

• **Vera Wang's Be Jeweled Rouge** Juicy winter berries combined with nutty pralines, backed by comforting musk and woods, $49.

• **Victoria Secret's Victoria** Features two of this season's trends: Rose and ripe berries, $52-$68.

• **Ralph Lauren Polo Red (for men):** Festive cranberry mixed with warm amber, sweet saffron and rich coffee extract, $78.

**ORIENTAL**

Bold and powerful, it's the trend for those who don't mind being the centre of attention. "This year, they're much more opulent and at times risqué, featuring the traditional incense, amber and spices, and turning it up a notch with pungent oudwood, sweet saffron, hot chili, and other herbs and spices from far off lands," Hodgekins said.

**Lee-Ann's picks:**

• **Guerlain's Shalimar** A legendary mixture of vibrant citrus, rose, incense and sweet vanilla, $90-$114.

• **Tom Ford's Black Orchid** New and unique, with sharp green patchouli and bitter dark chocolate, $83-$122.

• **L'Occitane's Ambre and Santal** Glowing amber and Earth sandalwood with smooth vanilla, rich rose, and fragrant herbs, $75.

• **Viktor & Rolf's Spicebomb (for men)** An explosive mix of hot chili pepper, sweet saffron, glowing balsams, leather, and tobacco, $45-$135.

**SPIRITED**

The season's most interesting trend — spirits like sweet rum, smooth whisky or gin are delicately combined with smoky tobaccos, glowing ambers and other decadent delights. "They're perfect for those who gravitate to more mature and sophisticated scents while also liking to try new things," Hodgekins said.

**Lee-Ann's picks:**

• **Carolina Herrera's 212 VIP** Intoxicating combination of sweet rum, vanilla, and passion fruit, $68.

• **Tom Ford's Tobacco Oud (for men)** Earthy oud wood is mixed with bold tobacco, warm spices, and smoky whisky, $235.

• **Bath & Body Works' Mahogany Woods** Rich woods and vibrant orange layered with sweet cognac and smooth bourbon vanilla, $29.

*From left to right: Bath & Body Works' Mahogany Woods, $29; Chanel's Egoïste, $103; Tom Ford's Tobacco Oud, $235; Aerin Lauder's Evening Rose, $125; Coco Figue by Comptoir Sud Pacifique, $44; Ralph Lauren's Polo Red, $78;* Vera Wang's Be Jeweled Rouge, $49.

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# Talk about high performance

**Screen time.** These smartphones have tons of features to please the tech wiz on your list

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Smartphones are a surefire way to light up a tech lover's eyes this holiday season. With so many to choose from, the only problem is deciding which one to buy. Here are some of the best performing smartphones and accessories for the techie on your list.

**LG G3**
$599.99 (no contract)
The first smartphone in Canada to have a screen with four times the resolution of HD displays. The LG G3 features a customizable on-screen keyboard to help you type faster, plus a camera that uses a laser to focus in the blink of an eye. Those concerned about privacy will enjoy Knock Code, which lets users secure their device by tapping an invisible pattern on screen.

**iPhone 6 Plus**
$859 and up (no contract)
It's thin, it's light, and is now the largest member of the iPhone family. The extra large 5.7-inch screen gives plenty of real estate to get work done. Apple has upgraded the camera with an improved sensor, resulting in stunning photos, especially in low-light conditions. The addition of NFC ensures you will be able to use Apple's new mobile payment system, Apple Pay, when it launches in Canada.

**Sony Xperia Z3**
$699.95 (no contract)
A smartphone for those who love photography. This waterproof and dust-resistant Android smartphone stands out from the crowd with its 20.7 MP camera and ability to shoot 4K video. On top of that, gamers who own a Playstation 4 can use the phone to take their gaming to another room with the PS Remote Play feature.

**Nexus 6**
$749 and up (no contract)
Looking for a powerful smartphone with a super-sized screen? The Nexus 6 features a six-inch display and will be the first smartphone in Canada to run Android 5.0 Lollipop. Dual front-facing speakers create immersive sound, plus you can get six hours of use from only 15 minutes of charging.

**Samsung Galaxy Alpha**
$699.95 (no contract)
It's the perfect smartphone for those who are fashion forward. This sleek, bold phone is less than seven mm thick, making it one of the thinnest phones released by Samsung. The Alpha can sense when the battery is getting low and will turn off non-essential functions to conserve power.

*Bottom to top: Blackberry Passport, $750; Sony Xperia Z3, $699.95; V-Moda Vamp Verza, $598; LG G3, $599.99; Olloclip lens, $69.99 and up; iPhone 6 Plus, $859 and up.*

**V-Moda Vamp Verza**
$598
Not happy with the quality of music on your smartphone? This unique case not only powers your device with its built-in battery, it also converts your music files into analog for a pure listening experience.

**Olloclip 4-in-1 lens**
$69.99 and up
Cameras on smartphones are wonderful, but their fixed lenses create limitations. The Olloclip allows you to get creative with your photos by adding fisheye, macro and wide-angles lenses.

**Blackberry Passport**
$750 (no contract)
It may look a little odd, but for those who prefer a physical keyboard on their smartphone, there's no better choice. The 4.5-inch touch-screen shows more characters per line than any other smartphone to make reading easier. The keyboard is also touch enabled, so a simple swipe across the keys can scroll web pages and more.

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# Vital or novelty: You decide

Gentleman's Ice Tray, $9, at Kikkerland, kikkerland.com.

Beer Making Kit, $49.50, at Indigo, indigo.ca.

Shootout Gift Set, $45, at Roots, roots.com.

Hockey Seat Pad, $48, at Roots, roots.com.

Boot and Bottoms Up Beer Glass, $19.50, at Indigo, indigo.ca.

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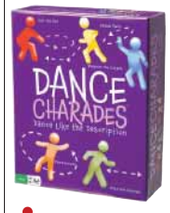


Dance Charades, $19.95, at Indigo, indigo.ca.

Connect-A-Crayon, $9.95, at AGO Shops, ago.net/shop.

Slinky Dog, $24.99, at Michaels, canada.michaels.com.

Snowman Kit, $50, at Roots, roots.com.

DIY Electro Dough Kit, $34.95, at AGO Shops, ago.net/shop.

Marbles, $11.99, at Michaels, canada.michaels.com

# Go big or go home

**Time is of the essence.**
You can wipe away guilt with an extravagant gift

RICK MCGINNIS
For Metro

Still searching for that perfect gift with little time left? Go big or go home with a new set of wheels. SHUTTERSTOCK

Chances are we all know someone who had their Christmas shopping done a month ago. They are organized, thrifty people, and while we might make contrite noises about following their example, chances are we never will, mostly because, deep in our hearts, we think their prudent approach to holiday shopping is not only smug and off-putting, but a subversive attack on the spirit of the season.

In a CIBC-Harris/Decima poll released last year, 69 per cent of Canadians admitted they hadn't finished their Christmas shopping four days before the holiday, while a further 22 per cent said they hadn't even started.

The Greek poet Pindar once wrote that "every gift which is given, even though it is small, is in reality great if it is given with affection."

But how much affection can there be in a gift ordered from a catalogue last January, stockpiled in the back of a closet without any idea who it was for, or sought out at sale prices?

A gift bought late is a gift bought after considerable thought. But there are people on our list who remain there until the eleventh hour because their wants are either modest or immense, or their good fortune and self-reliance means that they visibly lack nothing.

These people may be blessed, but when we're sprinting across a crowded mall parking lot hoping to find the last case of vintage Sauterne or hand-blown Nebbiolo wine glasses, we silently curse the day they entered our lives.

For most of us, the fallback gift for these people is a gift card. Today, they come in every brand and denomination, and can be bought in the checkout line at almost any drugstore or supermarket. But what if the unchecked name on your list is someone who wouldn't be satisfied with $25 worth of iTunes downloads or just enough cash to buy an impact driver from Home Depot?

Starbucks unveiled a $450 US stainless steel gift card last year, named the Starbucks Metal Card, which will get you a lot of coffee but not a lot of envious looks from the folks in line who just want their latte before the last seat gets taken.

If we're honest with ourselves, we might be dragging our feet out of guilt, but nothing wipes away that feeling like a really extravagant gift. Raj Rajani, sales manager at Grand Touring Autos in Toronto, said that licensing and titles make it almost impossible to impulse buy a Jaguar, a Bentley, an Aston Martin, or a Range Rover from their showroom in the last hours of the 24th, but if you come in at least a day or two earlier, they will help arrange a really big surprise.

He said that parents buying for their kids will look at the Range Rover Evoque ($75,000 and up), while husbands buying for their wives will go right to the Aston Martin Vantage (starts at $140,000), the Bentley GTC ($380,000 before options), or the Jaguar F-type Coupe (starts at $125,000), which is a big hit with older couples

Sales staff at Grand Touring have oversized bows to gift-wrap the car, and will put on a little show for the spouse who gets dragged into the showroom "just to have a little look, honey."

Mostly, though, Rajani says that last-minute shoppers will take the keys home to put under the tree.

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# A snappy serving of sophistication

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## Turkey Cutlets with Parsnip Purée and Honeyed Cranberries.

This holiday dinner will impress the pickiest of eaters

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Surprise! The in-laws are coming over for dinner tonight!

Step 1: Do not panic. Step 2: Whip up this show-stopping recipe. Despite the fact that it looks, and tastes, like you've been at it all day, it comes together in about an hour.

### Parsnip Purée

**1.** In a saucepan, soften the onion in half the butter. Add parsnips and milk and bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, about 20 minutes or until the parsnips are tender. Drain. In a food processor, purée until smooth with remaining butter. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

### Honeyed Cranberries

**1.** In a skillet, caramelize honey for 1 minute. Add cranberries and coat well. Continue cooking until cranberries begin to burst. Set aside.

### Turkey

**1.** In skillet, brown the turkey cutlets on each side in half the butter until the meat is cooked. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside on a warm plate.

**2.** In same skillet, soften shallot in the remaining butter. Sprinkle with the flour and cook, stirring, until golden brown. Add the broth and sherry and bring to a boil, stirring with a whisk. Reduce by half. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with the parsnip purée, honeyed cranberries and a green vegetable. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED THIS SEPTEMBER!**

### Ingredients

**Parsnip Purée**
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (57 g) butter
- 1 lb (454 g) parsnips, peeled and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) milk

**Honeyed Cranberries**
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) honey
- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries

**Turkey**
- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) turkey cutlets
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 2 tbsp (18 g) all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) beef broth
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) sherry

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Short of using their juice to make a cosmopolitan cocktail, I've never had much love for cranberries.

While cranberry sauce may be a festive season staple, my palate finds its tart, tangy flavour unsettlingly dominant when it shares my holiday plate.

Typically a side dish, Ricardo's recipe this week is piled high with honeyed cranberry goodness, which makes it a perfect partner for a medium-bodied white wine like a Riesling.

As good as that sounds, I still prefer the big bird hitting my table covered in gravy and accompanied by an overabundance of veggies and a heaping helping of mushroom-laden dressing.

I reach for a Pinot Noir when it comes to a wine pairing for such a busy meal. A white wine lover's red, a good Pinot works with both the savoury and sweeter elements of any Christmas dinner.

New Zealand's Oyster Bay 2013 Marlborough Pinot Noir ($19.95 - $21.99) is sustainably produced, with lip-smacking strawberry fruit, round earthy expression and long thick finish.

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World juniors

## Sens lend Lazar to Team Canada

Curtis Lazar is leaving the Ottawa Senators to play for Canada at the world junior championship, a decision those involved consider a "win-win."

The 19-year-old Lazar gets the experience of playing against the best junior players in the world, Canada gets a polished top-six forward and the Senators hope to benefit down the road from the development their top prospect gets from his second of these tournaments.

"He's going to play a more prominent role," Senators coach Dave Cameron said. "With us, he's in the bottom six, playing a safe role. There he's going to be a go-to guy. That's a real world-class tournament on a huge stage, so all those factors are going to make him a better player."

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NBA

## Celtics trade Rondo to Mavs

The Boston Celtics traded point guard Rajon Rondo to Dallas on Thursday night, cutting ties with the last remnant of their last NBA championship while giving Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks a chance at another title.

The Celtics will send Rondo and forward Dwight Powell to Dallas for Jameer Nelson, Jae Crowder, Brandan Wright and two draft picks — a first-rounder in next year's draft and a second-rounder in 2016.

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Hurricanes goalie Cam Ward and Brett Bellemore defend against the Maple Leafs' David Booth on Thursday in Raleigh, N.C. GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Leafs' win streak ends against Hurricanes

**NHL.** Carolina's offensive outburst hands Toronto it's first loss in seven games

On Thursday

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Justin Faulk had a goal and an assist, and the Eastern Conference-worst Carolina Hurricanes broke a six-game losing streak with a 4-1 win over the previously surging Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

The Hurricanes (9-19-3), who entered with the NHL's worst record, had scored only one goal in each game of their skid. Their offensive outburst snapped the Maple Leafs' six-game winning streak.

Chris Terry, Andrej Sekera, and Elias Lindholm also scored for Carolina. Nathan Gerbe and Eric Staal both had two assists. The Hurricanes are 19-7-1 against the Maple Leafs in the last 27 meetings.

Dion Phaneuf scored for Toronto.

The Hurricanes played a few hours after trading defenceman Jay Harrison to Winnipeg for a 2015 sixth-round draft pick.

Cam Ward had 25 saves for Carolina. Toronto's Jonathan Bernier stopped 33 shots.

The Hurricanes dominated the first period and led 2-0 at the break after taking a 17-9 shots advantage.

Terry got Carolina on the board at 11:54, taking Staal's pass that went from the left boards into the crease and putting it past Bernier.

Carolina doubled the lead on a short-handed rush at 13:43 when Faulk took Patrick Dwyer's cross-ice pass in the right circle and banged it by Bernier's glove.

Phaneuf made it 2-1 at 16:55 of the second, firing a shot just under the crossbar from the left point.

But Sekera sent a drive over Bernier's left shoulder during a power play at 11:05 of the third for his first goal of the season.

Lindholm scored into an empty net with 1:24 left.

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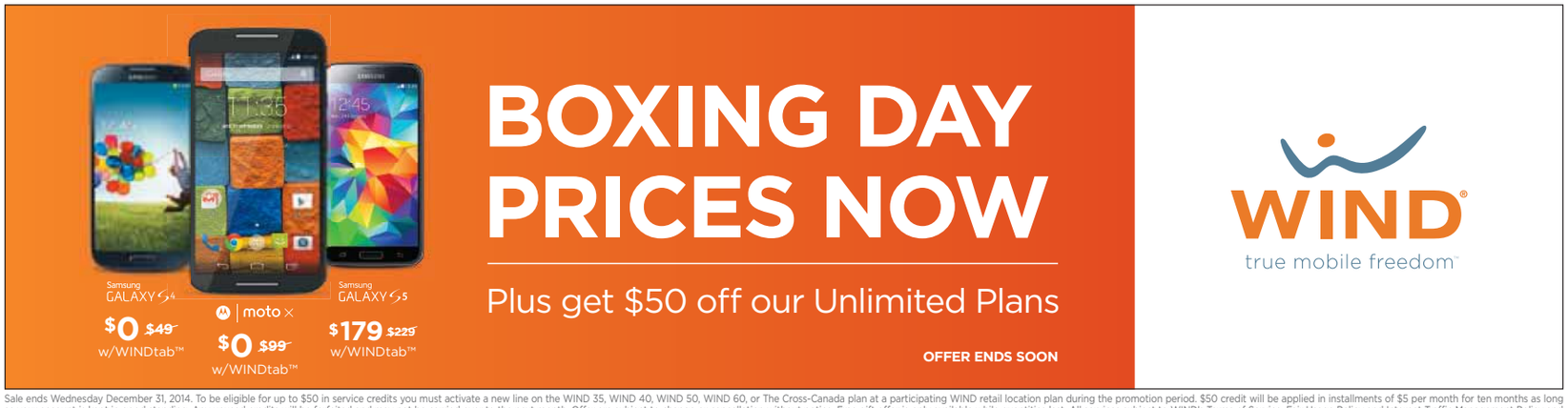


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# Bloody big question mark

## MLS. Defoe decision looms over Toronto FC GM's off-season

Jermain Defoe's — and Toronto FC's — future should be a bit clearer at the end of January when the transfer window closes. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto FC general manager Tim Bezbatchenko acknowledges the team is preparing for the possible departure of star English striker Jermain Defoe, but says nothing — including a potential high-profile replacement — is set in stone.

At a wide-ranging meeting Thursday to talk about the MLS club's vision for the future, Bezbatchenko said the injury-plagued striker is still officially part of the team's plans for next season.

"As of today, that is the expectation," said Bezbatchenko. Still, with the January transfer window set to open up, there have been several inquiries from teams about Defoe.

"Yes, we're taking calls and emails.... There are ongoing talks," said Bezbatchenko. Defoe, who was the most high-profile part of a $100-million TFC makeover last winter, ended up missing much of the season with a lingering groin injury. The ailments, and getting passed over for England's World Cup squad, left Defoe less engaged than he was at the start of the season, TFC coach Greg Vanney said Thursday.

"We need a healthy Jermain, a motivated Jermain. We like that guy. He showed what he can do," said Vanney. "When he got frustrated ... he just wasn't as present as he was before."

The rumour mill has already churned out several names that TFC might bring in if Defoe is sold. The two most consistently mentioned players are Liverpool midfielder and former England captain Steven Gerrard and playmaking Dutch midfielder Wesley Sneijder, who's currently playing with Turkish side Galatasaray.

While he wouldn't mention which players TFC might bring in, Bezbatchenko says the team has a list of potent replacements, not just for Defoe.

Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard, left, and Dutch international Wesley Sneijder have been rumoured as possible TFC targets. GETTY IMAGES

"We have names, we are actively vetting those names, watching films on those names, speaking to clubs about names on that list.... You have to be able to plan for multiple contingencies," Bezbatchenko said.

During the fall transfer window, Defoe was widely linked with a move to several English Premier League clubs, most prominently Queens Park Rangers, where long-time mentor Harry Redknapp is in charge. At the time, TFC turned down what Bezbatchenko called a club record transfer fee, which some reports have estimated at $12 million. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**World Cup report**

### FIFA meets after probe squashed

Amid another crisis at FIFA, president Sepp Blatter and his executive committee opened a two-day meeting Thursday in Marrakech, Morrocco to discuss the resignation of ethics prosecutor Michael Garcia and whether to publish his confidential report.

Garcia quit Wednesday in protest over the handling of his World Cup investigation. The American lawyer's departure could increase pressure on FIFA to publish the 430-page report on the 2010 votes that awarded the World Cup to Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

The 27 members of the executive committee are split over releasing all or part of Garcia's report, which has led to three of them facing unethical conduct charges.

Relaxing FIFA secrecy rules could potentially hurt those being investigated by the former U.S. Attorney and former Interpol vice-president.

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**Copa del Rey**

### Real Madrid up next for Atletico

Atletico Madrid set up a crosstown Copa del Rey clash with Real Madrid despite drawing 2-2 with third-division Hospitalet on Thursday, advancing 5-2 on aggregate.

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**Biogenesis scandal**

### Steroids trial delayed till April

A federal judge has delayed for two months the trial of a cousin of New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez on charges stemming from dealings with the clinic that illegally provided performance-enhancing drugs to baseball players.

U.S. District Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga postponed the trial of Yuri Sucart from Feb. 9 to April 6 — the day the Yankees open at home against Toronto.

Prosecutors say Rodriguez would be a witness at Sucart's trial.

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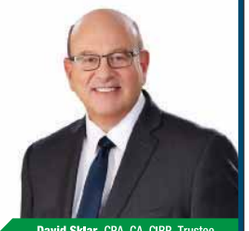

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**March 21 - April 20**
In trying to find a solution to one problem, don't create several more. If you are not certain you know what you are doing, wait until Monday's new moon gives you a pointer.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
You will help those who need it today but there is a danger that you will rescue someone who will expect you to help them every time they get in trouble.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
You will be torn between conflicting duties today and whichever one you choose to prioritize someone is not going to like it. Forget everyone else and put your own needs first.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
You will be impulsive today and if you make it through to the weekend without emotional drama you will be very lucky.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Someone in a position of authority will demand that you do things you don't want to do. Go along with what they want but start making plans to put some distance between you.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Someone will get on your nerves today and if you make it through to the weekend without losing your cool you will have done very well. They don't really mean to irk you.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
If you go after your target too directly or too forcefully today you may find it eludes you. You've got to bide your time and wait for the right moment.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
A loved one will demand you spend more time with them today. This is one of those occasions when if you're nice to them now they will be even nicer to you later.

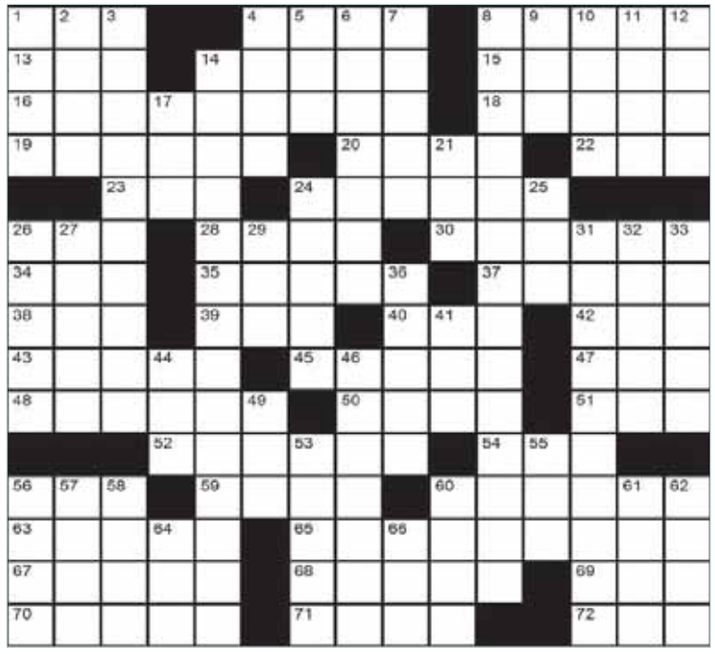
### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Friends may not be as supportive as you would like them to be but don't let that stop you from pursuing your goals. You don't need anyone to endorse your ambition.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
You may think that certain people have got it in for you but more likely it's your imagination. According to the planets you have nothing at all to fear.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
If someone you have feelings for spends more time with others than with you today, don't get uptight. Maybe they are trying to make you jealous.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You can use your power to force someone to do your bidding today, or you can use your charm to persuade them to cooperate. The latter will be less problematic.

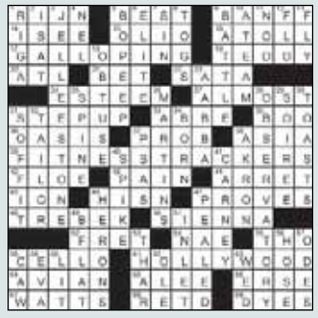
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



**Across**
1. Clever
4. Dogs: "Gimme yer..." offerings
8. Become energized: 2 wds.
13. UK toilet
14. Everly Brothers: "Wake Up Little __"
15. Employee's request
16. Yukon/Alaska river; or, Quilly creature
18. CC-138 Twin __ (RCAF search and rescue aircraft)
19. Half-a-cardigan garments
20. R's followers
22. Sleeve
23. Tchaikovsky's 1892 ballet at #31-Down is based on the 1816 tale of this German author, _._._. Hoffmann (b.1776 - d.1822)
24. A-bomb's 'A'
26. "__ voyage!"
28. James __ (Co-writer of Broadway musical Hair)
30. Pineapple: French
34. Approx.
35. Led Zeppelin's Robert
37. Brutal
38. Illinois city, briefly
39. Dr. Melissa __ (Medical Expert on CBC's "Steven and Chris")
40. Parisian pal
42. Literary monogram
43. Canadian actor Mr. Reeves
45. __ diving
47. Crime fighter
48. Rita Hayworth's 1953 title biblical role
50. German-built car
51. __. card (Grades-lister)
52. Blazing
54. Renaissance painter, __ Angelico
56. Hawaiian fish
59. NBA's 'A', briefly
60. Pants
63. Hawaiian island
65. Slick-spilling ship: 2 wds.
67. Awakened
68. E-Mail: Multiple-people-sending
69. Toronto summer hrs.
70. Tale
71. Idol alum Ms. Clarkson, et al.
72. Cape Town's home [acronym]

**Down**
1. The __ (Famous mountains)
2. Winnie-the-What?
3. Relentless, as rain
4. Bitty Beagles
5. "___ recall..."
6. Sir __ Churchill Square, in downtown Edmonton
7. Tend: 2 wds.
8. Quebec's is known as the 'Fleur-de-lis': 2 wds.
9. Feed
10. Pocket bread
11. Conniver
12. Curls-from-a-box
14. Character in #31-Down: 3 wds.
17. Snip
21. Ethan's ex
24. Singer/songwriter Bryan born in Kingston, ON
25. Driver's need
26. Posh Spice's soccer star hubby David ...his nickname
27. "Romeo and Juliet" (1968) actor Milo
29. Pub serving
31. As per #23-Across... The __ (It's currently being performed by The National Ballet of Canada)
32. Ancient fables guy
33. Snoozed
36. Neutral tone
41. British honour [acronym]
44. Cacharel perfume
46. Decorative moulding
49. Chicago trains
53. "Put _ __ in it!"
55. Sprinted
56. Regrettably
57. Have, archaically
58. Get __ shape (New Year's resolution)
60. Picking-up-passengers places, puny-ly
61. Canvas sneakers brand
62. Mlle. cousin
64. Broadcast
66. Small, shortly

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Online

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## Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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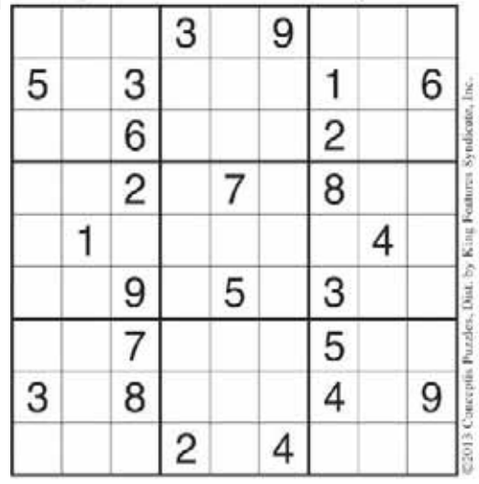

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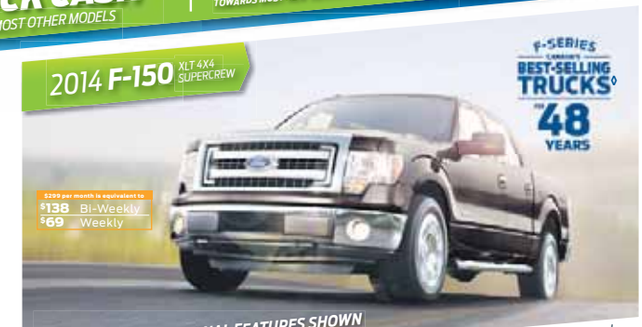

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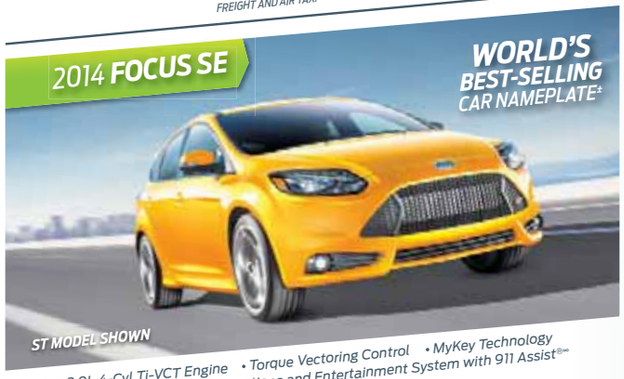

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